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GHANAIAN FOOTBALLER AMONG THOSE DEAD IN TURKEY QUAKE

Body of international player Christian Atsu was on Saturday found beneath the rubble of the flat where he stayed in Turkey's Hatay province

SCORED HIS LAST GOAL HOURS BEFORE QUAKE

Initial reports claimed he was rescued soon after the quake. A midfielder, Atsu had previously played for Chelsea and Newcastle. He had joined Turkish Super Lig team Hatayspor in January and had scored his last goal on February 5, hours before the quake struck. Meanwhile, the quake toll crossed 46,000 on Saturday with surviours still being found

THREE SURVIVE FOR 13 DAYS UNDER RUBBLE

- Adding to a series of miracle rescues, three people, including a child, were pulled out alive in Turkey, almost two weeks after the quake
- A Turkish boy's 'goodbye video' has gone viral on social media. Buried under the rubble, he began recording what he thought would be his last video. However, he and family were soon rescued by neighbours

84,000

BUILDINGS EITHER COLLAPSED OR WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED IN QUAKE

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CBI to question Dy CM Sisodia again today

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

THE CBI has summoned Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia to appear before it on Sunday in connection with the ongoing probe into Delhi liquor scam.

"The CBI has called me again tomorrow (Sunday)," Sisodia tweeted. "They (Centre) have deployed the full forces of the CBI and ED against me, raided my house, searched my bank locker, yet they found nothing. I have always cooperated with the investigation and will continue to do so," the Aam Aadmi Party leader wrote.

He was questioned for almost nine hours on October 17 last year.

The latest summons comes on the heels of CBI's arrest of a Hyderabad-based chartered accountant Butchibabu Gorantla, over his alleged role in the formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, which according to the CBI caused wrongful gain to Hyderabad-based wholesale and retail licensees and their beneficial owners resulting in huge losses to the Delhi exchequer.

According to CBI sources, Gorantla had professional ties to K Kavitha, daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao. Kavitha was also questioned by the CBI in December last year for nearly seven hours in connection with the case.

DIVINE NIGHT

Devotees throng the 11th century Shiva Temple in Old Town, Bhubaneswar on Saturday for Mahashivaratri | DEBADATTA MALLICK

HC says bank officers must visit elderly pensioners, helps 102-yr-old

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court imposed a cost of ₹1 lakh on a public sector bank and the Union government for compelling a 102-year-old person to approach the court thrice for release of freedom fighters' pension and arrears. The court observed that bank officers need to visit elderly pensioners, at least in certain genuine cases when they do not submit life certificate within deadline.

Allowing a petition filed by H Nagabhushana Rao (102) from Malleswaram, the court ruled that the amount of ₹1 lakh should be jointly paid by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Canara Bank and Chief Manager of Syndicate Bank (now Canara Bank). Justice M Nagaprasanna directed the MHA to pay arrears of pension which is quantified at ₹3.71 lakh along with interest at 6% per annum from December 24, 2018 till date of payment to the petitioner.

Cost of ₹1L to be paid by MHA and bank

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The petitioner is a recipient of Swatantra Sainik Samman Gaurava Dhana (Pension) from the central government. His pension was abruptly stopped on November 1, 2017 after he could not submit the life certificate for 2017-18, which he later submitted on December 24, 2018. The government then issued a sanction letter belatedly releasing the pension for Dec 2018 to Oct 2020. However, arrears of ₹3.71 lakh were not paid. He moved the court for the third time as arrears were not released despite a court order on two occasions. P3

Expedite Oppn alliance: Nitish to Sonia, Rahul

Says BJP won't cross 100 LS seats if it's done

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

JD (U) boss and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday sought to prod Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul Gandhi to quickly take the initiative to stitch up a broad Opposition alliance for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, saying if they did, the BJP would not even be able to cross the 100-seat mark.

"I want you people (Congress) to make a quick decision. If they accept my suggestion and contest elections together, they (BJP) will be restricted to below 100 seats, but if they don't take my suggestion, you know what will happen," Nitish warned while addressing a CPI (ML) event here.

RJD leader and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad echoed the CM. Both Nitish and Tejashwi appear to be in a hurry because they want clarity on their where they would fit into the Opposition unity matrix.

When Nitish snapped his pre-poll pact with the BJP a few months ago and formed a Grand Alliance with the RJD, he signaled his ambition to be projected as the Opposition's prime ministerial pick. But Rahul's successful Bharat Jodo Yatra changed both the optics and the dynamics.

As for deputy chief minister, he would want Nitish to move upstairs so as to enable him to keep his word that Tejashwi would lead the Grand Alliance in the Bihar Assembly elections in 2025 and become the next CM.

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Nitish Kumar, CM

Both, of course, understand that a credible Opposition alliance would not be possible if the Congress is not on board. There are indications that the Grand Alliance could project Nitish's name as its PM candidate at its meeting on Purnea on February 25 if the Congress fails to expedite the process of cobbling together an Opposition alliance.

At the event, the Congress was represented by Salman Khurshid. "You have a good proposal. I expect a decision will be taken soon. I will inform my party's top leadership about it," he assured.

ELECTRIC FENCE

Saving jumbo: PM praises BTR foresters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

BANDIPUR Tiger Reserve (BTR) officials received a shot in the arm when their efforts in saving an elephant was praised by none other than Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday. Modi lauded the foresters' timely intervention in saving a cow elephant which was seriously injured after it came in contact with an illegally erected electrified metal fence around an agricultural field at Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district on February 14.

The forest department brought it to the notice of Union Environment and Forest Minister Bhupendra Yadav, who tweeted, "So happy to note that an electrocuted elephant struggling for life was saved due to prompt action by the staff of Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The female elephant has been released back into the Reserve and is being closely monitored. Our forest frontline workers are our pride, (sic)" he said, sharing video clips and photos.

Reacting to Yadav's post, PM tweeted, "Compliments to the staff at Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Such compassion among our people is commendable."

BTR director P Ramesh Kumar told *The New Sunday Express*, "Getting appreciation from the Prime Minister is a great recognition for us. It is an inspiration for all of us to work even better in future." P4

'Fall at my feet': 22-yr-old throws acid on minor girl

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN yet another case of acid attack, a minor girl suffered 40 per cent burns after a jilted 'lover' threw thinner on her face after she turned down his proposal. The victim, a PU student, sustained injuries in the left eye, shoulder and back and is undergoing treatment at Minto Eye Hospital in the city. In a swift operation, the police arrested the accused, Sumanth alias Appu, a resident of Kurupete in Kanakapura.

The shocking incident took place at Kanakapura in Ramanagara district on the outskirts of Bengaluru. Sumanth (22) is a car mechanic.

The police said Sumanth had allegedly thrown stones at the victim's house on Friday morning. He had told her to fall at his feet if she wanted him to stay away. The victim, along with her brother, went to meet him near Narayanappa Kere along the bypass road in Kanakapura Town. When she was falling at his feet, the accused threw acid on her face. She was rushed to a nearby hospital by her brother with the help of locals. Both the families are said to have been aware of the accused's interest in marrying her but they did not proceed as they belonged to different castes. P3

12 more African cheetahs arrive in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

TWELVE more cheetahs arrived in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP) from South Africa on Saturday, more than five months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi released an initial batch of eight cheetahs from Namibia into the park.

The 12 arrived in Gwalior in a C-17 Globemaster military transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force early on Saturday. They were later flown to the KNP in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district in the force's helicopters.Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the 12, seven males and five females, into 10 quarantine enclosures. Four of them will be quarantined in pairs in two enclosures. All of them will soon be moved to a bigger enclosure within the park, and later, into the wild.

(Above) Shivraj Chouhan releases cheetahs into enclosure; and (left) one of the released cheetahs | PTI

They will be fed buffalo meat in their enclosures for one month. Once they are moved to the larger enclosure, they can hunt on their own. With the arrival of the South African batch, the park now has 20 big cats – 10 males and 10 females.

"This is a grand gift to Madhya Pradesh on Mahashivratri. The eight Namibian Cheetahs which were flown here five months back have adapted well to the conditions here," Chouhan said.

The cheetahs were donated by South Africa, with India paying $3,000 for capturing each.

The cheetahs brought earlier from Namibia are now in the bigger enclosure and a task force for monitoring Project Cheetah will soon decide when to release them into the wild.

EXPRESS READ

India's import of Russian oil at record levels in Jan

New Delhi: India imported a record 1.4 million barrels per day of Russian oil in January, up 9.2% from December figures, Reuters reported. Share of Russian crude in India's oil import surged to 28 % last month and Russia was India's top supplier, the wire service reported. With the Western countries imposing sanctions on Russian crude oil in the wake of Ukraine war, India started purchasing it at heavily discounted rates.

EXPRESS Dialogues

'SCIENCE, NOT EMOTIONS, IS NEEDED IN MANAGING WILDLIFE'

With cases of man-animal conflict rising, noted tiger biologist Dr K Ullas Karanth says it's time to reset our conservation priorities | P4

Kodagu forests filling up with waste from Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

THE forest and wildlife in Kodagu are facing serious threat due to illegal dumping of truckloads of waste arriving from Kerala. The forest fringes on NH-275 are also under threat from littering caused due to lack of public awareness and proper facilities for tourists.

The Makutta Reserve Forest and the Bramhagiri Wildlife Forest, which line the Karnataka-Kerala border, are gradually turning into an open dumping yard for waste.

It was only after some alert residents from the district, including members of the Kodagu Seva Kendra, flagged the issue that the authorities started collecting waste from the forest fringes and burning it. The forest department has also increased checks at the Makutta check-post. Recently, a truck driver and a cleaner, who were allegedly transporting 15 sacks of plastic waste from Kerala, to dump in the Makutta forest area were nabbed by the foresters and booked under the Wildlife Protection Act. Two more cases have been booked against violators who were trying to shift garbage from Kerala.

"Foresters will conduct daily patrolling across the reserve forest area to prevent travellers from littering," said Dechamma, Range Forest Officer (RFO) of Makutta forest. P5

Foresters during a cleanliness drive in Kodagu | EXPRESS

NEXT YOUTUBE CEO

Neal is a bright but private person, recall school batchmates

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WHEN YouTube Chief Executive Officer Susan Wojcicki announced that Indian-American Neal Mohan will be her successor, there were quite a few happy faces in this city of Nawabs, as he did his schooling here.

An alumnus of St Francis College in the posh Hazaraganj area, Neal studied there from 1986 to 1991 — from Class VI to Class XII. From there he went to US, where he graduated in electrical engineering from Stanford University.

His teacher and batchmates recall he was good in studies. Lucknow University professor Nishi Pandey, who was his class teacher in Class IX at St Francis College, says, "Neal was the topper of his batch and was good in academics."

She remembers him to be a very quiet and sincere student. "He was good in studies and was usually the topper in the school exam. He is not in touch with many of us as he was more of a private person," she adds.

St Francis' College principal Fr Rajesh D' Souza shared his pride after learning about Neal. "It is a proud moment for all Francisians," he says.

Dr Rishi Sethi, one of his batchmates, who is now a leading cardiologist of the city, says Neal is his good friend and a perfect gentleman. "We were together for a good six-seven years at St Francis' College. He was a close friend and used to stay at River Bank Colony. I used to frequent his place. My last meeting with him was some 10 years ago when I went to the US. More of a private person, Neal prefers to stay away from socialising," shares Dr Sethi.

Thank you, @SusanWojcicki. It's been amazing to work with you over the years... Looking forward to what lies ahead

Neal Mohan

Another batchmate Sajid Mansoor, now vice president at HSBC Global Finance Operations, says, "We were in school together. We all knew Neal would do something great. He moved out of Lucknow and we lost touch ever since. We are very proud of his achievement."

After Neal was appointed chief product officer at YouTube in 2015,he played a major part in launching YouTube TV, YouTube Music, YouTube Premium, and Shorts. He also led YouTube's Trust and Safety team.

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• Nakshatra: Shravana 2.19 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 16°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST: sunny

Sunrise 6.40 am
Sunset 6.26 pm
Moonrise 5.50 am
Moonset 5.36 pm

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BEST OF WASTE

Mysuru civic body transforms metal waste to create artefacts to bolster sustainable development

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

MOUNDS of garbage emanating stench, defiling the surroundings and becoming breeding grounds for diseases are a common sight in most cities. While civic bodies and the government are pilloried for failing to clean up these spaces, efforts are being made to look at waste from a different perspective. Claims of making the best out of waste do not seem preposterous after the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) transformed metal waste into artefacts.

Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi wore a sleeveless sky-blue jacket manufactured using material recycled from plastic bottles during the budget session in Parliament that was gifted to him by the Indian Oil Corporation during India Energy Week in Bengaluru. Treading a similar path, the MCC, which has bagged the cleanest city tag in the Swachh Bharat survey twice in a row, is not only showing the way in reusing waste, but is also exhibiting these artefacts at nine parks across the city.

With an enormous amount of metal waste dumped and recovered at solid waste management plants and collected during e-waste special drives, MCC has been able to process the metal items and create 16 artefacts and the project was executed as a pilot.

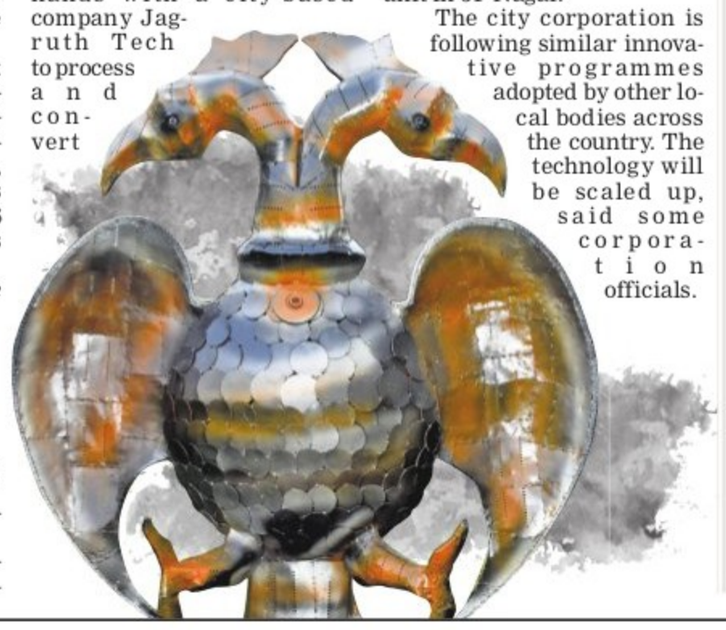
Mayor Shivakumar told *The New Sunday Express* that the effort is to make people aware of recycling and waste treatment. "We have plans to create such artefacts by processing used and discarded metal items. This will sensitise people about the importance of recycling, reusing and reducing waste," he said.

Some of the art works include the mythical double-headed bird Gandaberunda, peacock, Make in India logo, tiger, panda, unicorn, kangaroo, eagle, elephant, lion, and others. They have been displayed at the MCC office and also at the bustling Millennium Circle, apart from the parks.

MCC has tried a similar experiment earlier by joining hands with a city-based company Jagruth Tech to process and convert plastic waste into recyclable products like interlocking pavements and other eco-friendly, durable items.

Spurred by the mantra of making the best use of waste, and combating the plastic waste menace, Darshan C, a city-based youth, started Jagruth Tech which has set up a waste plastic recycling unit in JP Nagar.

The city corporation is following similar innovative programmes adopted by other local bodies across the country. The technology will be scaled up, said some corporation officials.



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SWEET AND TESTED

Two honey labs to come up in B'luru and Tumakuru to curb adulteration

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE pandemic has brought a paradigm shift with people shifting to other professions. Agriculture and horticulture have emerged as the top choices of those who battled out of the pandemic misery.

The sweet thing is that honey production is now gaining centrestage.

Farmers see the profession of bee keeping to double their profits as the demand for honey has soared among consumers. While the honey production has amplified in the state, and especially in areas around Bengaluru, there is a cause of worry among consumers about good quality honey. With an assortment of brands, local branded bottles are also seen in shelves. Although sales have surged through word of mouth, direct to home, but the maximum is online. To address perils of adulterated honey, the Indian Council for Agricultural Research- Indian Institute for Horticulture Research (ICAR- IIHR) is setting up two honey testing laboratories at Bengaluru and Tumakuru.

Scientists from the institute said the labs will help farmers and consumers confirm the purity and quality of the honey. "The labs will benefit the farmers as with they will be able to get better deals with the quality certificates. The process of acquiring it will also be faster, as the labs will be just round the corner. The labs are also being backed by National Honey Board," said a scientist.

Dr SK Singh, director, ICAR-IIHR told The New Sunday Express that honey business is booming, just like mushrooms. There is a huge market for organic and special honey which is gaining importance.

IIHR researchers said that there has been an increase in 20-30 per cent of the farmers taking up apiary to bolster their income. To make the business more viable, local bee species are reared instead of the wild ones

"Bees are the best pollinators. Farmers are rearing them and using them for honey production. Some farmers have also tied up directly with agencies or stores for sale. There is a jump in demand for monofloral honey. Recently, there has been a trend in market for honey sourced from the Sunderbans and from Araku Valley. However, there is a question over quality as monofloral honey is expensive and only a limited amount can be derived. So quality certification is a must," researchers said.

"It is difficult for a layman to distinguish between pure and adulterated honey. It is a myth that the colour give away the purity of honey. Dark coloured honey is usually monofloral. Some believe that crystalisation of honey is an indication of poor quality, which is untrue. It could be due to seasons and the source flower. This has been observed in the cold hilly regions. Cases of sugar in honey are on the rise. Before the launch of the two institutes, the scientists are working on the data base of all substances that could be added in honey, so that test results are faster and accurate," said ICAR-IIHR officials.

"The climate in areas around Bengaluru, and along the Western Ghats and even coastal areas is suitable for apiary, which is what attracts farmers. Although the Coorg region is known for honey, areas around Mysuru, Chikkaballapur, outskirts of Bengaluru are also picking up in honey production," IIHR officials said.

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'Without acquiring', BDA allots 26 sites on man's land

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

AN agriculturist was confounded after learning that the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has allotted 26 sites for economically weaker sections in Arkavathy Layout on 20 guntas of land which it had never acquired. The landowner is now repeatedly requesting to BDA that his land be returned.

The property belongs to Mohan Reddy's family. Speaking to TNSE, Reddy said, "I own 30 guntas (site no. 128/1) at Chelekere in KR Puram hobli, of which 10 guntas were notified and acquired for road and widening of drain. Compensation was also announced. There was no mention of the remaining 20 guntas either in the preliminary or final notification. I only came to know when those allotted tried to take possession of their property." Sites number 968 to 994, all of 20x30 sqft in dimension, have been allotted now.

Reddy has shot off letters to the BDA commissioner on December 22, 2021 and December 23, 2022, but to no avail.

"In January this year, an allottee landed up at the site earmarked for him to construct a house. I filed a police complaint too at Hennur police station to stop him from interfering in my property," he said.

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Property belonging to Mohan Reddy in Chelekere in KR Puram hobli | EXPRESS

An official in the engineering department conceded that BDA was at fault. "It was a mistake. This allotment happened anytime between 2014 and 2018. It is the land acquisition and engineering department officials who are at fault. An investigation will reveal those who have erred," he said.

Asked about the solution, he said, "We cannot take back the land allotted now. The value of the land could be roughly Rs 15 crore now. The solution is for him to accept 50 per cent of the developed land in the same layout, if he requests the commissioner and the Board too okays it." However, Reddy is unhappy with this proposed deal. "Farmers are not beggars to accept 50 per cent of the land the BDA gives. I do not want any developed land. I only want my ancestral property back."

A top official in the land acquisition department said she would get back with details.

Reddy demanded the details of the beneficiaries of the land usurped from farmers on the pretext of acquisition. "Out of 3,339 acres notified for acquisition in the preliminary notification, only 1,766 acres were acquired through the final notification. Of this, only 600 acres have been utilised for layout. What happened to the remaining, and who are the beneficiaries? I plan to file a PIL in court to know the details," Reddy said.

Leopard cub rescued, shifted to Bannerghatta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka forest department officials on Friday morning rescued a blind female leopard cub and shifted it to Bannerghatta Biological Park rescue centre for treatment and rehabilitation.

The cub aged around 6-7 months was rescued from Nelamangala range, Lakhanahalli village.

According to forest staffers, locals called them late on Thursday night after spotting a leopard. The staffers rushed to spot, but found no leopard. On Friday morning, the staffers returned to the location for patrolling and noticed a tail moving from the bushes. However, no movement of animal was recorded. The animal was then tranquilised.

The veterinarians examined the rescued cub, and concluded that she was blind in both eyes. "Probably, she was born blind. Her right hind limb and tail were also fractured and have started to heal. She must have been dragging herself around. It looks like she has been fed by her mother, as a six-month cub cannot hunt, especially when she is injured," said department veterinarians.

The staffers also set up cages to capture the mother, but till Saturday evening, no capture or sighting was reported. However carcass of a goat killed 10 days ago was found near the location from where the cub was rescued, said the staffers.

The leopard cub aged around 6-7 months rescued from Nelamangala range

Devotees perform puja and offer prayers at a temple on Mahashivratri in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Bhajans, prayers, music shows mark Mahashivratri day in city

Bengaluru: Day-long bhajans, prayers, mantra chanting, music shows and prasad distribution marked the Mahashivratri celebration across the city on Saturday. Devotees were seen visiting Shiva temples early morning and offered milk, honey, flowers, fruits and holy bilvapatra to Lord Shiva. Through the day and night devotees were seen thronging temples. Gavigangadhareshwar Temple in Gavipuram, Someshwar Temple in Ulsoor, Kadu Malleshwara and Nandi Theertha Temple in Malleswaram, Shivoham Shiva Temple in Old Airport Road, Rameshwara Temple in Chamarajpet, Sri Dharmagiri Manjunath Swamy Temple in Banashankari and Kashi Vishwanath Swamy Temple in Chickpet. Special abhishekas and pujas were organized at the temples decorated with flowers, lamps and lights. Devotees from Bengaluru also thronged the Art of Living on Kanakapura Road and the recently opened Sadhguru Sannidhi at Chikkaballapur. Devotees observed a fast to seek blessings of Lord Shiva. In the evening, chanting of Shiva Sahasranama, sankirtanas were held. Stories of Lord Shiva and the reason for the celebration of Mahashivratri were told to the devotees. Mythological drama performances were also organized in the city.

Responding to the appeal made by MP Lahar Singh Siroya, Mandot Steels adopted 300 tuberculosis patients from the city on Saturday. "In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to making India TB-free by 2025, so far we have adopted 1,100 patients in the state capital," said Siroya. Under this initiative, TB patients will receive crucial nutrition support.

Namma Clinics docs demand cold storage facility

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru

MEDICAL officers associated with the recently launched Namma Clinics in Bengaluru have demanded cold storage facilities to ensure vaccines are readily available.

Dr Shahzaib Ahmed Sadiq, medical officer at the clinic in Victoria Layout, said "At present, there is no cold storage facility. We have to go to the nearest primary health centre and get the vaccines in a storage box every time there is demand."

It will be difficult to travel when there are patients arriving at the clinic for vaccination, he added.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Special Commissioner, Dr KV Thrilok Chandra said that since the clinics have opened only recently, they will observe the trends of the demand for a couple of weeks, and then decide. In case there is a demand from several officers, they will consider it.

Health experts said the clinics have been set up on the lines of Mohalla clinics in New Delhi, with the aim of setting up a clinic in every ward in the city for accessible healthcare facilities like general consultations and screenings for diabetes, high blood pressure or anaemia and recommend them to better facilities, if required. Unlike PHCs, Namma Clinics cover a smaller population of around 6,000 people.

Mujasma Banu, medical officer, said that since medical consultations and medicines are being provided for free, they expect that more people, especially from the economically weaker sections, will avail the services.

BBMP raid on Mantri Mall fails, officials return empty-handed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

OFFICIALS of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) revenue division, who had decided to shock property tax defaulter Mantri Mall by taking movable properties like chairs, tables, computers and furniture from its premises, were left red faced as mall authorities forced BBMP officials to not only abandon the raid but also return the seized items.

BBMP Joint Commissioner, West, C Yogesh, said the number one tax defaulter in the West Zone is Mantri Mall, which owes over Rs 40 crore. Fearing a crackdown from the BBMP, mall authorities had obtained a stay order from a court.

"From 2018 till date, property tax dues have increased to Rs 42.63 crore. On Saturday morning, officials went and started taking movable properties from Mantri Mall. Initially, mall authorities did not tell us about the court order. Only during the second half of the day, they showed the court order which says the BBMP cannot interfere in the peaceful possession (mall) nor beat drums in front of the premises. After they showed us the order, we moved out. We will now fight the case legally and get the order vacated," Yogesh said.

BBMP officials said Yogesh had on Thursday issued an attachment warrant against the mall under Section 148(1) of the BBMP Act. On Saturday, officials along with marshalls went to the mall to seize movable properties. "In 202, the mall authorities had issued a cheque for Rs 10.4 crore, but it bounced," an official said.

Minister Halappa Achar checks on the minor girl at Minto Eye Hospital in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Acid attack accused booked under POCSO

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THE victim was staying close to the garage where the accused worked. The accused had started stalking her after he saw her passing by his garage everyday to reach her college.

Dr BL Sujatha Rathod, Medical Superintendent and Director (Ophthalmology), said the girl is undergoing treatment as an outpatient and there is a possibility that she might lose vision partially.

Minister for Women and Child Development Halappa Basappa Achar met the acid attack victim at the hospital Saturday morning and assured government support for her treatment. Police are awaiting report from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to ascertain the chemical components in the acid.

Meanwhile, Sumanth has been booked on charges of causing grievous injury by use of acid (IPC 326A) and other relevant sections of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The Kanakapura Town police have registered a case and are investigating.

MLA warns CM of stir over Ejipura flyover

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WARNING Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai that if the Ejipura flyover is not completed, former minister and MLA Ramalinga Reddy said that there will be protests across the city wherever Bommai goes to inaugurate projects and public functions. The flyover work has been pending over the last five years. Reddy gave a call to protest and hundreds of residents and activists gathered at Sony World Signal. The numbers swelled, and traffic was hit for some time.

"Ejipura to Kendriya Sadan flyover is essential for the people as it aims to connect South and East Bengaluru. The project was initiated when Congress was in power, and 32 per cent work was completed. There has been no progress after BJP came to power. A PIL has been filed in the court over the execution of the project at the earliest. I met BBMP top officials including Manjunath Prasad, Anil Kumar, and Gaurav Gupta and also the Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath. Either BBMP or government should execute the project through Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited," said Reddy.

EXPRESS READ

After 2 years, IISc Open Day on March 4

BENGALURU: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) 'Open Day' is all set to be organised after two years on March 4. Science enthusiasts can expect to see new and exciting advances science and technology by students and researchers. Lectures, panel discussions, quizzes, competitions, experimental demonstrations and interactive exhibits will be on displayed at the institute. The 'Open Day' can be accessed by all visitors without any entry fee. The organising committee has arranged for e-rickshaws for easy commuting on the campus and help desks will be set up at several points. Professor G Rangarajan, director, IISs, "Through Open Day, we hope to share the excitement of science and engineering with every visitor, and inspire them to develop the scientific temper necessary to become a responsible citizen."

Man steps on electric fence, dies

BENGALURU: Electric fencing erected to protect crops around a piece of land proved costly for a 45-year-old man in Tavarekere police station limits on Magadi Main Road. The victim, who went in search of his cattle, stepped on the electric fence and was electrocuted. A case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder under Section 304 of the IPC has been registered against the land owner. The victim has been identified as Anand, a resident of Bachenahati in Magadi. The incident occurred on Friday around 10 am. Anand's son, BA Manmatha, filed a complaint against the accused, identified as C Rangaswamaiah. "The incident came to light when Anand did not return home. When family members went looking for him, they learnt that Anand had fallen unconscious on the land. They later found him dead," said an officer.

Perform duty to avoid litigations: HC

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IN cases where there are genuine problems of pensioners who are unable to visit the bank, it is the duty of the bank officers to visit such persons and take life certificate and update them on the system for payment of pension, the court said.

The court also said that the pensioners could be septuagenarians, octogenarians, nonagenarians or centenarians like the petitioner. Therefore, this order cannot be construed to be sweeping direction in all cases where life certificate has to be secured by the bank officers, but in genuine cases, the bank officers ought to perform their duty in terms of the guidelines so as to avoid unnecessary litigation of the kind that has been generated not once, twice, but three times, the court added.

"In a broader significance, pension is a measure of socio-economic justice, which inheres economic security, in the fall of life when physical and mental capabilities of a pensioner begins to ebb corresponding the aging process... Ebbing mental prowess and physical incapacity due to age was one of the prime reasons why the certificate could not be submitted in time. This, in the peculiar facts of this case, by no stretch of imagination, can be construed to take away the right of the petitioner for grant of pension, particularly, in the teeth of the guidelines", the court observed.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN– U40102RJ2000SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
O/o CE (Fuel), 205, Dreamax Plaza, Sahkar Marg, Jaipur
E-TENDER NOTICE: TN-33(RVU2223SLOB02059)
E-tenders are invited for Lifting/taking delivery of raw coal from SECL collieries on behalf of RVUN, through transportation and loading of the same into Railway wagons for dispatch to RVUNs TPSs and completing all documentation as required by Coal Company, Railways and RVUN for year 2022-23. Detailed document is available on websites www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (for e-tender), www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in & www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl.
Raj.samwad/C/22/14605 RVUN/PR-3801 Superintending Engineer (Fuel)

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE.2/T.No.67/2022-23 Dt: 14.02.2023
Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW. 2 & 4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in One & Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 03 works under 5054- Appendix-E & Deposit Works Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs. 672.16 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.40.95 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.10,08,250/- & Min EMD Amt Rs.82,000/-)
1. Last date for tender information enqueries: **28.02.2023** :16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender : **01.03.2023** 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid. : **02.03.2023** : 16.30 4. Date of opening the Financial bid. : **03.03.2023 :** 16.30. **Note:** Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.
Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
DIPR/TUM/982/KSMCA/2022-23 PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

Government of Karnataka
Executive Engineer, RDW&S,Division,Mysore
Short Term Tender Notification No: 42/2022-23
Date:17.02.2023
Short term tender notification is as below.
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders under KW-1 KW-2 KW-3 & KW-4 Standard Bid documents (Single & Two cover system) has been called for HUNSUR TALUK 36 and PERIYAPATNA 02 WORKS (Estimate cost Rs 50.00 Lakhs to Rs 454 Lakhs) under the Head of Account: 2021-22 Jal Jevan Mission. Tender is been invited as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement Dt: 17.02.2023 11:00 AM onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is 28.02.2023 upto 5:00PM, PRE BID MEETING 20.02.2023 Opening of Technical bid 01.03.2023, 05.30 PM onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Eligible Agencies can participate in the tender process and for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Tel. Phone No 080 – 22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460495.Tender Form Fees–As per e-procurement.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1043/2022-23 **RDW&S,Division, Mysore**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
TENDER NOTICE No. 05/2023 Dated : 14/02/2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender Closing Time: 10:30 Hrs.**

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty.	Tender Due on
1	17221105	Element filter fiber glass	2387 Nos	23-02-2023
2	60225079 A	GFN-66 insulated liners to RDSO Drg. No. T8751	341600 Nos	13-03-2023
3	31221118	Non asbestos based K type	11140 Nos.	15-03-2023
4	33231042	Anti roll bar to fiat Drg. No. 1267519 Ver-01R1	246 Nos.	17-03-2023
5	33235005	One coach set of SS Rmpu trough assembly for LHB Ac	36 Set	20-03-2023
6	56231094	Cable 6 Quad 0.90 mm dia	700 KMs	06-03-2023
7	56231092	PVC Signaling cable 30c x 1.5 Sq.mm	376 KMs	09-03-2023
8	60235002	Cutter chain assembly with complete set	20 Sets	13-03-2023
9	11231503	Driver seat assembly	216 Nos.	15-03-2023

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
PUB/680/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23 **Principal Chief Materials Manager, Hubballi**
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Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.3/T.No.66/2022-23 Dt: 13.02.2023
Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW. 1 & 4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in One & Two cover system for Class-4 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 25 work under Different Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.321.00 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.2.37 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.4,80,435/-, Min EMD Amt Rs.6,000/-)
1. Last date for tender information queries: **27.02.2023** : 16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender : **28.02.2023** 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid. : **01.03.2023** : 16.30 4. Date of opening the Financial bid. : **02.03.2023 :** 11.00.
Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.
DIPR/TUM/970/KSMCA/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL
Dam Division, Almatti, Tq: Basavan Bagewadi,
Dist: Vijayapur. Phone No. 08426-281027
e-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
NO:KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/3221. Dated: 17.02.2023.
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - CALL-3
(Through E-procurement Portal Only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Bagalkot District (Bilagi Constituency) (SCP Non-Potential) Indent No. 23330 of Rs. 84.72 Lakhs (Others). The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 21-02-2023 to 02-03-2023 up to 5-00PM. Cover-I (Technical) Bid will be opened on 04-03-2023 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 09-03-2023 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal /index.seam.**
Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/904/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ
ಎಸ್.ಆರ್.ಎಸ್. ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಎದುರು, ಹೈಟೆನ್ಷನ್ ಜೋಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ,
ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–570018
Office Ph No.0821-2001737 http://
www.hootagallicity.mrc.gov.in
itstaff_ulb_hootagalli@yahoo.com
ಸಂ.ನಸಹೂ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿ.ಆರ್–26/2022–23ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.02.2023
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)
ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭಾ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–03ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DMA/2022-23/BR/WORK_INDENT 146271ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು **ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.99.90** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಅರ್ಹ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು https://eprockarnataka.gov.in ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02.03.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.03.2023 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ಅನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಷರತ್ತು: ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಬಿಲ್ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ
DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1037/2022-23

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Regd. Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013.
CIN No. U67190MH2008PLC187552.
POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(As per rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice as mentioned herein below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that as per the order of **Hon'ble 31st ACMM At Bangalore** dated 29/12/2022, passed in **Crl Misc.No.6986/2022, the Advocate Commissioner has taken Physical Possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him and handed over the physical possession to the undersigned Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited on **16th, February 2023.**
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited,** for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from the date of demand notice.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Physical Possession
9027241	Mr. Harish R, as Borrower and Mrs. Pallavi S, (Co-borrower)	Due as on 29th June, 2022 Rs.1,89,46,248/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only)	16th Feb, 2022

Description of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties; All the piece and parcel of immovable property site bearing site No.5, formed in property bearing Assessment No.112/1 and 114/2, Doddabidarakallu Village Pachayath Khatha No.251, situated at Channanayakanapalya Village, Doddabidarakallu Dakhale, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now comes under BBMP Limits, total measuring 100x50 feet, with ground Floor 6 Squares, RCC Roofing building, floors are Mosaic, doors and Windows are made out of Jungle woods, bounded as Follows:- **East by: Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No.4, South by : Private Property,.**
Date : 16th Feb 2023
Place : Bangalore
For Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited
-Sd-
Authorised Officer
Contact Add : No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Bengaluru 560025. Mob: 9900880727
Regd. Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganapatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013. CIN No. U67190MH2008PLC187552

MISSING

Prasanth @ Pattaru S/o Vasudhevan Nair, Jaya Bhanam, Thevally, Kollam west village has been missing since 31.12.2022. In this matter a case has been registered in Kollam West Police Station in Crime No: 83/2022 U/s 57(A) K.P. Act. Identification Marks: He has 170 cm height, fair colour and medium body. If any information regarding this person, contact the phone numbers shown below.
ACP Kollam : 0474 2742376, 9497990025
ISHO Kollam West : 0474 2795086, 9497987031
SI Kollam West : 9497980181
Ro/00449/f2/2023/I&PRD

LifeCell International Private Limited
CIN: U85196TN2004PTC053577
Regd Office: No.16, Vijayaraghava Road, 1st Lane, T.Nagar, Chennai 600 017
Tel. No.: 044 4293 5353 I Email: sudha.v@lifecell.in **Website:** www.lifecell.in
Form No. CAA. 2
[Pursuant to Section 230(3) and rule 6 and rule 7 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016]
IN THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, CHENNAI BENCH
COMPANY APPLICATION NO. 81 OF 2022
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013;
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013;
AND
IN THE MATTER OF COMPOSITE SCHEME OF DEMERGER AMONGST LIFECELL INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED ("DEMERGED COMPANY") AND CELLUTIONS BIOSTORAGE PRIVATE LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS LIFECELL BIOSTORAGE PRIVATE LIMITED) ("RESULTING COMPANY - 1") AND ABUSHA ESTATES PRIVATE LIMITED ("RESULTING COMPANY - 2") AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CREDITORS AND SHAREHOLDERS (THE SCHEME").
Lifecell International Private Limited,
A company incorporated under Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at No.16, Vijayaraghava Road, 1st Lane, T.Nagar, Chennai - 600017, Tamil Nadu.
... Applicant Company/Demerged Company
NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF CREDITOR AND MEMBERS
Notice is hereby given that by an order dated February 15, 2023 the Chennai Bench of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal **("NCLT" or "Tribunal")** has directed separate meetings to be held of the Equity Shareholders, Preference Shareholders and Unsecured Creditors of the Applicant Company for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the Composite scheme of Demerger amongst LifeCell International Private Limited ("LifeCell" or **"Demerged Company"**) and Cellutions BioStorage Private Limited (formerly known as LifeCell BioStorage Private Limited) ("CBPL" or **"Resulting Company-1"**) and Abusha Estates Private Limited ("AEPL" or **"Resulting Company-2"**) and their respective Creditors and Shareholders (**"the Scheme"**).
In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein, Notice is hereby given that the Meeting will be held through Video Conferencing (**"VC"**) / Other Audio Visual Means (**"OAVM"**), following operating procedures (with requisite modifications as may be required) referred to in Circular No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 read with Circular Nos.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, Issued by the Ministry of Corporate affairs, Government of India (MCA Circulars) **and** also through **physical attendance** at the registered office address of the company at No.16, Vijayaraghava Road, 1st Lane, T.Nagar, Chennai-600017, Tamilnadu of the **Equity Shareholders** of the Applicant Company on **Wednesday the 22nd day of March 2023** at **11.00 AM** and the Preference Shareholders of the Applicant Company on **Wednesday the 22nd Day of March 2023** at **12.30 PM** and the **Unsecured Creditors** of the Applicant Company on **Wednesday the 22nd Day of March 2023 at 02.00 PM**.
Copies of the said scheme of demerger, and the statement under section 230 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Company on any day (except Sunday and public holidays) from the registered office of the Applicant Company i.e. No.16, Vijayaraghava Road, 1st Lane, T.Nagar, Chennai - 600 017, Tamilnadu or by emailing at sudha.v@lifecell.in along with details such as Name, address, Permanent Account Number (PAN), mobile number and email address.
Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting of Equity Shareholders, Preference Shareholders or Unsecured Creditors respectively may vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form are deposited at the registered office of the company at No.16, Vijayaraghava Road, 1st Lane, T.Nagar, Chennai- 600017, Tamilnadu not later than 48 hours before the date of meeting.
Forms of proxy can be had at the registered office of the Company.
The Tribunal has appointed Shri. B.S.V. Prakash Kumar, to be the Chairman of the meeting of the Equity Shareholders, Preference Shareholders and Unsecured Creditors of the Applicant Company and Shri. Pavithra Dayalan as the scrutinizer to the meeting. The abovementioned Scheme of Demerger, if approved at the Meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.
For LifeCell International Private Limited
Mr.B.S.V.Prakash Kumar
Chairperson appointed for the meeting of Applicant Company
Date: February 18, 2023
Place: Chennai

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Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Assembly U T Khader on Saturday criticised CM Basavaraj Bommai for not announcing any measures in the budget to tackle sea erosion in coastal districts. He said there is no mention of road development to provide connectivity to the fishing community

'SCIENCE, NOT EMOTIONS, IS NEEDED IN MANAGING WILDLIFE'

TEAM TNSE

WITH cases of man-animal conflict rising and forests shrinking in Karnataka, noted tiger biologist and conservationist **Dr K Ullas Karanth** from the Centre for Wildlife Studies says it is time to reset our conservation priorities. In an interaction with the editors and staff of The New Sunday Express, he said Karnataka in the past had taken the lead in resettling forest dwellers who sought it voluntarily, but now lags behind states like Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Stressing that science, more than emotions, plays an important role in wildlife management, he said in the past decade both state officials and political leaders have ignored this vital measure that substantially prevents conflicts, expands wildlife habitats, as well as improves life and livelihood of families suffering from lack of development and perennial conflict with wildlife. Excerpts ...

Why are cases of human-tiger conflict rising? Is it because their numbers are increasing or because their habitats are shrinking?
First this is a very localised problem confined to a few reserves that cover less than 1 per cent of India's land area. These emerging conflicts ironically are in parts of India where forests are less expansive, but better protected from human impacts as well as where there is more economic development in regions like the Western Ghats and parts of MP and Uttarakhand. In contrast, across much more extensive forests of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and North Eastern hill states, there is very little conflict. The prey and tiger populations have been decimated there by rampant local hunting because of poor protection. In pockets where such conflicts exist, we must view it as a price we pay for our success in bringing back wildlife over the past 50 years. So, you cannot say that wildlife has come back everywhere and that is the biggest problem.

So why has conflict increased?
One reason is that in some places, animal densities have increased. For example, in the 1960s there were less than 100 wild tigers in Malnad landscape of Karnataka, today there are over 300. A common misunderstanding is that animals are coming and we need to keep them in their natural habitats by feeding them and providing water etc. They don't need to be fed; they are not domestic animals. Occasionally elephants are attracted to water or crops like sugarcane. The causes are not the same everywhere. In other places because connections and habitats are broken and there is greater interface with encroachments, especially after the Forest Rights Act was enacted and has gone well beyond its original deadline with no end in sight. Conflict is also because of developmental projects intruding into wildlife areas bringing an influx of people.

Why do you say the human-wildlife conflict is not being effectively managed?
This is partly because the government officials are caught in a bind in these situations. On one hand there is pressure from local people to quickly kill the problem tigers. For example, we had a few incidents of man-eating tigers recently. This problem is very different from tigers getting cornered by a mob and attacking them. That tiger no longer poses danger if you let it go. But when a tiger loses its instinctive fear of humans, like in the case of a sub-adult which was translocated from coffee estates in Chikkamagaluru after it had stalked and killed a woman, and translocated to Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, where it killed more livestock and people. In these specific incidents of tigers that hunt humans, you must immediately kill that animal by whatever means you have. There is no other solution. But the officials are reluctant, partly as they are not trained biologists and partly because they come under tremendous pressure from urban animal rights groups who are not at risk from the maneater as the local people are. There is no place to release man-eating tigers elsewhere. In fact, moving them is even worse, because it wanders even more widely in unfamiliar terrain. Also, if you take such conflict tigers into captivity as Karnataka is planning to, then how many can you hold? Holding animals in zoos is not a solution given the scale of the problem and because tigers over a year in age simply do not adapt to captivity well. The other problem with quick elimination of conflict tigers is that people go to court out of misguided kindness. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has also issued orders that the local officials should first try to tranquilise the tiger, and only if that fails then kill it. This is impractical. Such NTCA guidelines and court orders hamper the local officers. It is a complex issue which has to be solved through science, not emotion.

Where does Karnataka stand in wildlife population and management?
We are a very gifted land. There is the Western Ghats and the coastline. But management is a problem. However I still have hope there is need to use science for management, not emotions.

How do you define a maneater tiger? Are you saying they should be shot down?
A normal tiger is afraid of humans on foot and at best it will make a mock charge. Normal tigers are afraid of people, a man-eater starts to stalk humans as a species of prey animal. A maneater is an animal that has stalked humans. Once it starts viewing humans as prey, it is a very dangerous sign. I am saying this because I want the species to survive. The logic is to save the species. Otherwise, the local public sentiment builds up against conservation. Today you cannot declare a new wildlife a protected area because local people oppose that and political leaders reflect that view. Today, there is such resistance to the creation of protected areas, whether it is for tigers or any other species, because management of conflict has been poor and unscientific in the past.

Are we in a position to say we have enough protected areas, and we don't need any more?
Not at all. Only 4% of our land in India is reserved for wildlife. If we freeze this area because of local people's hostility, we will lose many more wild species. We are at this juncture because of trying to save a few problem tigers every year across India, ignoring the fact that natural mortalities account for several hundred tigers each year in a population of 3,000 or so tigers.

Every time any wild animal attacks a human, there is chaos in the legislature and many demand permission to shoot the problem animals. How do you respond?
Wildlife conservation is very different from animal rights or loving individual animals. From a scientific perspective when you eliminate a problem animal, you are helping the species overall. The Wildlife Protection Act, in fact, gives powers to the state chief wildlife warden (CWW) to order shooting a tiger or any animal that poses immediate threat to humans. The law is very clear. But officers are afraid to use that power. Even before such demands arise, the CWW and staff on ground can assess whether further human life is threatened and they should take the decision on the ground.

Is there a need for simple protocols and laws for handling such situations?
The law is very clear. If human life is threatened or there is a maneater, you can kill it. But the officers are afraid to use that power because of the repercussions they think they will face from different groups of the public.

Urban animal welfare groups or wildlife groups look at problems more emotionally. Is that a lobby against conservation?
No, they are not a lobby. They are well-meaning people. It is just a misplaced sentiment that every individual tiger has to be saved and can be saved. That is just not possible. India can potentially harbour 10,000- 15,000 wild tigers. We have only 3,000, but we cannot increase tiger numbers without expanding more protected areas.

Did the pandemic play a part in the rise in animal population, more so tigers?
No. In fact, patrolling and protection came down because of the pandemic. Tiger population has increased over time because we have protected the prey base well in a few areas. In fact there is one thing that has gone out of hand. Forests have a natural tiger density and a prey density. When Project Tiger started, the goal was to maintain what is natural for that area. But over time, excessive zeal and the desire to spend money, has led to problems over excessive 'management'. For example, lack of water holes is a natural stress that regulates prey populations periodically. When there is a lack of water in dry year cycles, there is greater mortality of prey species. The natural prey density is around 20-30 deer sized animals per square kilometre, but their number in these overmanaged reserves is 3-4 times higher. Two things we have been doing systematically for 30 years: One is indiscriminately building more water holes, and in summer, bringing tankers to fill the water holes; and two, clearing forests and creating grasslands and meadows. This leads to a rise in population of two common species, spotted deer and wild pigs. A supermarket for tigers has been created. Normally, a tigress will be able to bring up 1-2 cubs in a litter of 3-4. But with this kind of super-abundance of prey, we are repeatedly seeing 3-4 cubs reaching adulthood. The density of tigers, which should be 5-6 per 100 sq km, is now 15-20 in some overmanaged reserves. All this leads to more interspecies conflict. We are creating a situation that is aggravating human-wildlife conflicts.

EXPRESS Dialogues

So, are you saying that tiger numbers are high and should be brought down?
No. I am not saying that. Stop putting money into wrong things. We have 20,000 sqkm of habitat in Karnataka, where tigers can live. Why is the investment and protection concentration only on 2-3 parks that cover 3,000-4,000 sqkm? Spread it out. Spread out the staff. Remove the excessive habitat manipulation. Right now, there are many forests with no tigers, or there are very few. This shows lack of science-based management.

There is a staff imbalance and the Forest department is top heavy and ground staff numbers are low. Is that a matter of concern?
Yes, it is. In other countries, like the USA or Africa, when you become a wildlife official you are already trained for 4-5 years in wildlife science and management. Just like a doctor, engineer or agricultural scientist is. But here we have the UPSC (Union Public Services Commission) kind of recruitment of people who do not have similar professional training. So ensure that there is basic knowledge capacity to train people in wildlife sciences before they start managing wildlife. That is a fundamental long-term issue. The top-heavy structure is a different problem and it got aggravated after 1969 when the Indian Forest Service was recreated. The British had scrapped it in 1938 and made it a state service with grassroots connections to the land and language. But once it was brought on par with IAS and IPS, it led to the endless seeking of parity in numbers with other all-India Services that catered to a larger and larger population. On ground, the forests had shrunk, even adverse pressures declined due to development, and conservation had more public support. This situation did not demand a top-heavy structure for forest and wildlife management.

So what is the solution?
You need more people on the ground and they should be trained wildlife professionals. There is a need for basic training in wildlife sciences before recruitment. Here we need people who have ties with the land and have the capability of understanding local issues. In 1973, after Project Tiger started, the people who recovered wild tigers of India were state-level officers. Stalwarts like Kailash Sankhala, HS Panwar, Sanjoy Debroy, PK Sen were such people.

Recently, (noted Indian ecologist) Prof Madhav Gadgil said tigers should be hunted under licence system as in the British Raj, as their population is rising, leading to conflicts. What is your opinion?
Such a drastic move is not necessary and will not work easily with big cats because of their social systems. Even in Africa where a hunting system is in place there are major problems, which the Professor (Gadgil) may not be familiar with. In the case of herbivores on extensive agricultural lands away from forests more nuanced calls need to be taken, when there is a severe crop loss, how it is to be managed in a specific context including crop insurance, and perhaps some damage control via hunting, etc. Interestingly, in India, compared to any other Asian country, there is a genuine traditional belief that other species have a right to survive too. Even if there is a death caused by a wild elephant, if you ask villagers if elephants should be killed, they say, 'No, they too have a right to live, but not in my backyard'. My worry is that if allowed, hunting will disrupt this unique empathy that is quite foundational to building a modern wildlife conservation system based on science.

There is unverified news doing the rounds that leopards are infected with some kind of virus that has made them more aggressive. Is there any basis to that?
No. This is all a fairy tale. Leopards are very different. A leopard is very adaptable and is one-fourth the size of a tiger. It can live on small prey. Disposable garbage dumped has increased the stray dog population incredibly. This has been studied in Maharashtra also where leopards were radio collared and it showed that 80% of their diet consisted of street dogs and cats. They rested in sugarcane fields during the day and entered small towns and villages at night. So a stable food base for leopards has been created completely out of the forests. They are not eating deer, but domestic animals. So leopards have learnt to adapt and hide very effectively. But a wild leopard will not be able to make it.

Do you think the government has been successful in forest management? Is it doing enough?
Compared to any other Asian country, we are doing a better job as we have a vocal lobby of conservationists pressuring the government from the 1960s and 70s. The media is also covering issues. India has put far more money for conservation when compared to other countries. However, there are deficiencies that have been pointed out. Also some states have done better and this depends upon political leadership and officers who are working. Karnataka was at its best in the 1970s and 80s. One of the greatest conservationists India has produced was KH Patil, then forest minister, who came from Gadag. But now no one is interested. Now there is less interest in wildlife. Same is the case with NGOs.

What is your view on bringing cheetahs to India?
The vision is a very good one, but the way this project is being done, it will not succeed. There is a need for at least 15,000–20,000 sqkm area without leopards and tigers, and without people, besides putting in 20-30 years of effort to create such a space and then bring the cheetahs. Here it is cart before the horse. The 700 sqkm sanctuary was meant for creating a second home for lions from Gir. But that idea was given up and cheetahs were brought there. So getting a viable wild cheetah population will be difficult as the present ones are still in enclosure. This is not re-wilding. This is a zoo.

Watch the full interview on our YouTube channel

No relief for MSMEs bled dry by taxes and duties

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai's budget of Rs 3.09 lakh crore -- the last budget of his tenure – attempts to cover the entire gamut of people from all sections, and should be valid because in another 60 days, it will be time for assembly elections. He has to present this kind of budget for all sections of the people.

The apathy is clear: Bommai has not spoken a single word on MSME in the entire budget, whereas Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the Union budget, mentioned MSME more than 12 times. Of the micro and small enterprises which are in the ICU, some are dead and gone, and those who have survived need immediate relief, which should have been announced for their survival. The Central government announced a scheme of emergency credit line which is not available to them.

DR JACOB CRASTA
Former president, FKCCI, KASSIA, PIA

Another recurring problem is of property tax, which at present is charged at 0.4% to 0.6% on guidance value, ie market value of land and property. That should have been taxed, based on the dimension of the property and size of the building.

We also requested streamlining of the Stamp Act, because we pay huge stamp duty value on hypothecation of a building by our bankers, and renewal of working capital every year. They want us to provide more jobs and pay more taxes by increasing our turnover by taking more loans, then why are they charging more stamp duty on renewal of working capital?

These are our requests which are not fulfilled. Every sector has benefited by this budget except MSME, because we are probably not voters on their list.

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Focus on sustainable mining: CM to industry

BENGALURU: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the biggest responsibility of the stone industry has been to foster sustainable mining and the government is simplifying policies to grow the industry. Speaking at the valedictory of STONA 2023, the 15th International Granite and Stone Fair organised by the Indian Granite & Stone Industry, the CM said that the government is ready to remove all bottlenecks.

Kiran quits BJP, to join Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a setback to BJP in the run-up to the April/May Assembly polls, Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board Chairman **KS Kiran Kumar** resigned from his post on Saturday and is all set to join Congress on Monday.

Kumar tendered his resignation to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and also former chief minister BS Yediyurappa.

After he got a clue that BJP is unlikely to field him from the Chikkanayakanahalli Assembly constituency, represented by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhu Swamy, Kiran decided to quit the party.

Kumar called on all top Congress leaders and after they assured him of a party ticket, he decided to join the party at the KPCC office here at 9.30 am on Monday, sources told *The New Sunday Express*.

He is from the Sadar Lingayat community, a subsect within lingayats which Bommai also belongs to. He was a staunch loyalist of Yediyurappa.

The erstwhile Kallambella BJP MLA has strong roots in RSS and sacrificed the Chikkanayakanahalli seat to Madhu Swamy in 2018, following the advice of Yediyurappa.

Will probe all graft charges once in power: Cong

ENS @ Vijayapura

ACCUSING Prime Minister Narendra Modi of remaining silent about the serious corruption charges being made against Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, AICC general secretary **Randeep Singh Surjewala** stated that all cases of corruption will be investigated if the Congress comes to power in the state in the coming Assembly elections.

Speaking after launching the party's ambitious 'Guarantee Card' programme for the coming polls at the party office here on Friday, "The prime minister visited Karnataka seven times, but did not say anything about the corruption charges against the Bommai government, even when the Karnataka Contractors Association personally shot a letter to him on the government collecting 40 per cent commission for allotment of tenders and clearing bills." Mentioning a few prominent corruption charges, he said the Bommai government has been accused of graft in PSI recruitment. "The matter is so serious that even a DGP was found to be involved and he is now languishing in jail," he said.

"When the Congress raised the issue, the government refused to accept that any corruption had taken place, but today, it has become a reality and top IPS officers are involved. It was all happening under the nose of the home minister, but the party took no action against him," Surjewala alleged, adding that similarly, scams were reported in the appointment of junior engineers and lecturers.

"All these corruption cases are getting reported and they are in the public domain, yet the PM and CM are remaining silent on such allegations," he said.

Elephant sustained burn injuries

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KUMAR said the elephant is still under observation. "On Thursday night, it was found near a lake. We will continue to monitor its condition. Meanwhile, the land owner is absconding," he said.

As per foresters, the elephant came in contact with the metal fence put up around an agriculture field at Baragi village, which falls under Omkara forest range of Gundlupet forest sub-division. The land is owned by one Puthanapura Raju, who had installed the metal fence two-feet high from the ground by connecting the high-voltage wire to coconut trees to prevent wild animals from entering his field and destroying the crop.

The elephant stepped on the fence and sustained burn injuries. A forest team rushed to the spot and administered fluids, antibiotics and painkillers to the jumbo. Meanwhile, Raju has been booked under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and The Electricity Act, 2003.

Sex abuse in ashram: CBCID to investigate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu Director General of Police C Sylendra Babu on Saturday transferred case on alleged torture and sexual assault of inmates at the illegally-run Anbu Jothi Ashram in Villupuram to the CBCID. Meanwhile, after an inquiry with 16 women rescued from the ashram, officials of National Commission for Women said two of them had been raped at the home.

A press statement from the DGP's office said the case was being transferred to the CB-CID as it was an inter-state investigation involving illegal detention, torture, sexual assault, and suspected human trafficking across state borders, resulting in several inmates going missing from the home. The home was found to be functioning in Villupuram district without due licenses for housing persons with mental illness, disabilities and destitute persons since 2005 when it was founded. However, senior officials did not respond to queries about why the police department in Chennai and Villupuram had partnered with the home in the past.

The NCW representatives, under senior coordinator Kanchan Khattar, met the women, who are being treated at Government Villupuram Medical College hospital in Mundiampakkam, and held a closed-room inquiry.

Khattar said an NCW team had been formed formed under her for inquiry. "In the initial inquiry, we found two women had been raped in the ashram. We will investigate further and submit a report to the commission soon," she said.

The irregularities at the home came to light after officials inspected the facility on February 10 following a Madras High Court order on a habeas corpus petition. As many as 142 residents were shifted out of the home to the government hospital at Mundiampakkam for treatment. Subsequently based on information from the residents, Villupuram police registered cases against nine persons, including for rape and harassment of women.

Residents unhappy with burning of plastic waste

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HOWEVER, residents are unhappy with the foresters for their unscientific management of waste. They have voiced concern over burning of plastic waste inside the forest limits which can be hazardous to health. Further, hundreds of tourists take the Makutta route to reach Kannur International Airport and it has become difficult for the foresters to prevent littering, despite several awareness signboards being put up on the fringes. Dechamma said that tree branches are being placed along the roadside to curb parking in the area. Meanwhile, the forest fringes lining the NH-275 on Kushalnagar-Madikeri Road are facing threat for which lack of public awareness is being cited as a reason. Foresters say they conduct cleanliness drives across the forest fringes once a month and collect truckloads of garbage.

Mention of Gurucharan panel report welcomed

Rs 3,000 crore for strengthening power transmission and distribution network under KPTCL

Implementation of Sharavathi Pumped Storage Power Plant Project at a cost of Rs.7,394 cr Establishment of a new 1,000 MW Pumped Storage Plant under PPP

Establishment of 2 MW capacity Solar Plant with the facility of battery storage at a cost of Rs 48 crore in Pavagada Solar Park

Establishment of 50 new sub stations, construction of 1,060 km transmission lines, upgradation of 100 sub stations at Rs 3,000 cr

Promote 4,000 MWH capacity battery storage systems by provision of viability gap funding

Government allocates Rs 13,743 cr grant to power companies

Modernisation of Generation Switchyard Equipments and Protection Systems of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited at a total cost of Rs 102 cr

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHILE most of the announcements for the energy sector in the state budget 2023-24 has been looked as new wine in old bottle, the mention of undertaking study on strengthening energy companies as per Gurucharan Committee report has been well received by experts.

They pointed out that if the Gurucharan report is accepted, the role of five Escoms will be limited to only maintenance and distribution of power. Instead, there will be one holding company which to manage the power sector.

An official in the energy sector, requesting anonymity said, "This was welcomed by the CM also, but some others did not want it. There is an indication to have it and bring about changes in each Escom which is a welcome move."

Experts demanded that the government release the subsidy amount every quarter for Escoms to reduce their financial burden. The pending subsidy is to the tune of around Rs 13,000 crore. Chief minister Basavaraj Bommai laid stress on renewable energy which was also addressed in the Global Investors Meet. He also stressed on introducing electric vehicles in the city.

Payment for contractors to go fully online

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THE national embarrassment faced by the state government over the alleged 40% commission demanded from contractors could be set right to some extent as an online system for contractor payments is set to become operational.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in his budget speech on Friday, said, "An Online Project Management System will be started to supervise the progress of projects under the jurisdiction of the Corporations and to make online bill payments directly to the contractors."

The move has been welcomed by contractors and top officials of government bodies who said it will ensure transparency.

The BBMP, which deploys the maximum number of contractors for its works, and the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Development Board have already made the system completely online while in the case of BWSSB, BDA, Irrigation and other departments, it is only partially online as of now.

A contractor told *The New Indian Express*, "I am still owed Rs 50 lakh by the government. I have submitted my bills long ago and am still awating payment for the same despite numerous reminders. It will be a big relief if everything becomes transparent."

This reporter has often spotted contractors waiting for hours inside BDA office for clearance of their dues. Prashanth Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer, BWSSB, told TNIE, "In the case of the Water Board, we make the payment online through RTGS but the contractors still need to submit all their bills physically for it. We have now called for tenders to take the submission process online too. The BBMP has made the whole process online."

Asked about the advantages of it, he said, "It will ensure complete transparency. If taken online, one will know where exactly a specific bill gets stuck. The payments for contractors will become much faster."

Another top official, on the condition of anonymity, said, "This step will definitely reduce corruption to some extent. Often contractors wait for months for clearance of their bills and some officials need to be bribed to clear the bills. Bills submitted go missing and no one knows what happened to them sometimes."

A senior BBMP official said since 2015 all their processes pertaining to contractors have gone online.

BONANZA FOR EDUCATION

I am happy that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has allocated the best possible grants to education with a focus on empowering girl students. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommended 6 per cent of GDP to education and research, but it was not translated into affirmative action. Bommai, however, has taken the first definitive step which is worthy of emulation by other states. It should be noted that this year's grants are 20 per cent more than that of 2021-22.

There are many positive points in the state budget -- 9,556 new classrooms, reading corners in schools, free bus passes to all students, free education in government colleges, unemployment allowance, interest-free education loans to SC/ST/OBCs and minorities. These are welcome measures adding innovative dimensions to existing schemes.

PROF M R DORESWAMY
Adviser, Education Reforms (Cabinet Rank), Government of Karnataka

Several new initiatives, such as 29 Abdul Kalam Residential Schools across the state, 300 Kastur Ba schools, Narayana Guru schools, interest-free loans to students to study abroad, hostel facilities for orphaned children, a special Prof CNR Rao science section in degree colleges, two new Horticulture Universities and introduction of yoga in women colleges, have been introduced.

The enhancement of salaries to guest lecturers by Rs 1,500 is welcome, but it is only a partial solution. Nearly 50 per cent of teaching post vacancies need to be filled to offer full support to students. New universities should be started only after the existing ones are strengthened, otherwise they end up as institutions only on paper.

Important recommendations of NEP 2020 on mentoring and value education also need to find a place in the budget. Provisioning for Divyang empowerment is also missing.

Rs 100 crore earmarked for PM SHRI schools should be used to construct one such school each in smart cities and Kalyana Karnataka. Kalyana Karnataka and similar under-developed areas should be declared 'Special Education Zones'. Empowerment of Sanskrit as a language of culture and heritage should be prioritised.

Focus on globally prioritised research areas on 5G technologies, sustainable development and climate crisis should be proactively promoted in universities and research institutes.

Generally, Bommai has done his best to promote all levels of education. This is the first phase but gives a roadmap for the growth and development of education. However, like all good deeds, this budget allocation also has to make some course corrections to make it more meaningful.

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P.B. No.6773, Avenue Road, Bangalore-560002

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
[Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 28.11.2022** Calling upon the **1) Mr. M. Bhaskar, S/o. Babu, Address: (i)** House No.07, Lakshmi Flour Mill Road, Ashvath Nagara, Thanisandra Village, Dr. Shivaram Nagara Post, Bangalore-560077. **(ii)** Property bearing No.29 (formed out of Property No.7/2) Katha No.2174 Shanbhog Compound, Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560077. **2) Mrs. Padmavathi, W/o. Bhaskar, Address: (i)** House No.07, Lakshmi Flour Mill Road, Ashvath Nagara, Thanisandra Village, Dr. Shivaram Nagara Post, Bangalore-560077. **(ii)** Property bearing No.29 (Formed out of Property No.7/2) Katha No.2174 Shanbhog Compound, Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560077 with our **Indian Bank, Avenue Road Branch** to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice being **Rs.38,76,938/- (Rupees Thirty Eight lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Only)** as on **28.11.2022** together with further interest thereon from **29.11.2022** till date of repayment along with applicable other costs, charges if within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **16th day of February of the year 2023**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank** for an amount of **Rs.38,76,938/- (Rupees Thirty Eight lac Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight only)** as on **28.11.2022** together with further interest thereon from **29.11.2022** till date of repayment along with applicable other costs, charges as applicable.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.29 (Formed out of property No.7/2) Katha No. situated at Thanisandra Village Krishnarajapura Hobli, East Taluk Bangalore, now within the limits of BBMP and measuring East to West: 40 Feet North to South: 20 Feet Totally admeasuring 800 Sq.feet and **Bounded as follows: East by:** 20 Feet Road, **West by:** Site No.30, **North by:** Property of T.S. Ram Murthy, **South by:** Site No.36 and Residential Building Thereon.

Date: 17.02.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Bank, Avenue Road Branch**

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **14th day of February of the year 2023**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank** for an amount of **Rs.10,63,655/- (Rupees Ten Lac Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Five Only)** as on **24.11.2022** together with further interest thereon from **25.11.2022** till date of repayment along with applicable other costs, charges as applicable.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of immovable property bearing No.1106, situated at 8th Main Road, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029. Presently property come under BBMP limits measuing East to West: 30.50 feet, North to South: 54.97 feet, totally measuring 1675.67 sq.feet and **Bounded on: East by:** 8th Main Road, **West by:** Property No.1105, **North by:** Property New No.16, Old No.30, **South by:** 2nd Cross Road.

Date: 17.02.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Bank, Avenue Road Branch**

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Dated : 17-02-2023

Time Extension for Tender Notification

The Calendar of Events for 2 works notified under this office tender notification No:-6061 Dated : 04-02-2023 (W.I. 164360 and 164720) 02 Works calendar events have been extended as follows (a) Last Date for Clarification up to : **21-02-2023**, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **24-02-2023** (c) Opening of Technical Bid Date : **27-02-2023** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **28-02-2023**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/658/2022-23 **P.W.D. Division, Gadag.**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No. SA/OT/03/2023 dated 17.02.2023
DRM/Works/Salem invites E-TENDERS for the works:

Item No	Name of work	Value in (₹)	EMD in (₹)	Completion period (Months)
01	Construction of OHT 1.25 LL (each) & 1.5 LL GLR (each) @ TPT, SLY & MAP with treatment units including RWH	2,85,85,272/-	2,92,900/-	12
02	(i) Removal of vegetation, alongside of the track in SSE/P.Way/W/KRR, TP section, NMKL sec. & CHSM section in DEN/Central jurisdiction for a period of one year. (ii) Cleaning and Lubrication of interlocked point-slide chairs for one year in SA Division - DEN/Central jurisdiction	64,42,818/-	1,28,900/-	12
03	(i) Removal of vegetation, alongside of the track in SSE/P.Way/ED Sec, CBF Section, & E-PTJ section in DEN/ West jurisdiction for a period of one year. (ii) Cleaning and Lubrication of interlocked point-slide chairs for one year in SA Division - DEN/West jurisdiction	70,15,772/-	1,40,300/-	12
04	(i) Removal of vegetation, alongside of the track in SSE/P.Way/TPT, BQI Section S/SA & N/SA sections, in DEN/East jurisdiction for a period of one year. (ii) Cleaning and Lubrication of interlocked point-slide chairs for one year in DEN/East jurisdiction	66,52,284	1,33,100/-	12
05	1) Improvements to Trolley refugees of Up & Dn lines in DEN/E/SA Jurisdiction. 2) ADEN/N/SA Sub Division : Repairs to Trolley refugees in SSE/PW/TPT section UP & Dn lines from 218 to 266/500-80 Nos & BQI sec-from Km 267/0 to 293.800 Dn line 120 Nos. (Balance Quantity)	61,52,136/-	1,23,100/-	06
06	Replacement of elastomeric bearings in PSC bridges over Salem Division	42,19,439/-	84,400/-	09
07	Underwater inspection of Br.No.-1 (2x18.29+2x30.48m, Steel Girder) between MTP-UAM and Underwater repairs to 4 nos of piers in Br.No.-342 (19x18.60m+1x60.94m for DN line & 22x18.60m for UP line, Steel Girder) in JTJ-ED section	11,43,520/-	22900/-	03

Eligibility Criteria		
	Item No.01	Any RCC/PSC work
	Item Nos. 02, 03 & 04	Any work under train traffic condition
	Item No. 05	Any Civil Engineering Work
	Item No. 06	NIL
	Item No. 07	Special Eligibility criteria is applicable

Note: (i) Tender Closing at **14:00 Hrs on 13.03.2023**
(ii) It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any Corrigendum is issued for any changes. For complete Details, please visit web site at **www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Railway Manager/Works/Salem
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Karnataka Government (An Autonomous Institution)
KARWAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KARWAR
No: KRIMS/e-Tender/109/2022-23 Date: 17.02.2023

E-Tender Notification (through e-Procurement Portal)

Sl.No.1: Tender No: **KRIMS/e-Tender/109/2022-23, Date: 17.02.2023, Tender Name: Supply of Medical Books under SCP/TSP Scheme at KRIMS Karwar.** Tender Commencement Date: **20.02.2023,** Last date for uploading tender forms: **20.03.2023 before 5.00 pm.**
Sl.No.2: Tender No: **KRIMS/e-Tender/110/2022-23, Date: 17.02.2023, Tender Name: Supply of Stationary Items at KRIMS Karwar. Tender Commencement. Date: 27.02.2023,** Last date for uploading tender forms: **27.03.2023 before 5.00 pm.**
The details of above e-tender can be obtained from website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/AD/KSMCA/1009/22-23 dt. 17.02.2023 **Sd/- Director**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
Mobile No. 96461-07205

E-Tender Enq.No. 434/P-2/EMP-W-12220 **Dtd: 15.02.23**

Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-2) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. Tender ID 2023_POWER_96784_1 for Routine, Preventive Breakdown & Shutdown maintenance work of motorized & pneumatic operated valves and Gear box along with associated Electrical / Pneumatic Actuators of 4x210 MW GGSSTP units, Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **17.02.23** onwards.

Note: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. **Phone: 23562229, 23460051**
A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.

SALE CUM AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Whereas the Bank auction through its Authorized Officer **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** In exercise of its powers under section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for sale the schedule-1 part-A properties for realization of the schedule-1 part-B debts due to the Bank upon the following terms and conditions pursuant to default committed by the borrowers notice is hereby given under rule 8(6) of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **that the sale of property described in scheduled-1part-A** shall be held by the Authorized officer as Per details set out here under.

Date of Sale	**24.03.2023**
Place of Auction	**Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.**

Schedule-1, part-A

Sl No.	Name of the borrower / Co-borrower	Description of property	Reserve Price in Rupees	EMD in Rupees	Time of Sale
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	**Sri P. Rangappa S/o Late Papaiah** No. 315, (Old No. 216) Near Kunthiyamma Temple, 7th Cross, Chokkasandra, T. Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru-560057. **Guarantors: 1) Smt. Geetha M. W/o P. Rangappa** No. 315, (Old No. 216) Near Kunthiyamma Temple, 7th Cross, Chokkasandra, T. Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru-560057. **2) Sri Jayanth N. S/o Narasimharaju,** No. 29, Near Narayanaswami Temple, Nelagadaranahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560073.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building Site Khatha No. 242 in Survey No. 3/5 of Chokkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Now comes under BBMP Ward No. 39, Chokkasandra, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West: 80'-0" Feets and North to South: 24'-0" Feets having a total extent of 1920 square feets and **bounded on the: East by:** Property of Hemanna, **West by:** Government drainage, **North by:** Passage, **South by:** Property of Shanthamma.	**Rs.1,20,00,000/-**	**Rs.12,00,000/-**	**11.00 AM**

Schedule-1 Part-B	Name of the Borrower / Co-borrowers	Nature of Facility	Total dues
	1) Sri P. Rangappa, 2) Smt. Geetha M., 2) Sri Jayanth N.	**Mortgage**	**Rs.1,15,78,820/- Plus further Interest and cost from 17.02.2023**

***Amount already paid if any will be adjusted from total dues.**
In the event of Schedule- 1part-B debts and the costs of sale being tendered by the borrower on or before **23.03.2023** Before **4.00 PM** the Authorized Officer would stop the sale. No communication or offers would be entertained from the borrower once the sale in complete.
In the event of sale proceeds of schedule- 1part-A. properties is not sufficient to satisfy the Schedule -1 part- B debts then the Bank would take resources to the remedies available under law for recovery of balance amount.

Conditions of Sale:

1. Sale is being held on as is where is basis, what ever there and without recourse basis and the Bank is not responsible for title condition Or any other fact affecting the property.
2. The particulars specified in schedule-1 part-B have been stated to the best of information of the Bank and will not be answerable for any error misstatement or omission.
3. For the reasons recorded it shall be discretion of the Authorized officer to cancel / postpone the sale for any reason and return The bids Submitted and Bank would not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from the bidders.
4. The person declared to be the purchaser shall pay forth with on receipt of such declaration a deposit of 25% of sale price and Remaining Amount shall be paid with in 30 days from the date of conformation of sale by the Bank in the event of default said payment within the above Period the entire amount including EMD deposited by the person declared to be the purchaser shall be forfeited and the property shall be Resold and defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all the claims on the property and the amount.
5. On issuance of Sale Certificate by the Bank sale shall be complete and no claims shall be entertained by the Bank.
6. Nothing in this notice constitutes of will deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Bank to sell the Property Bank reserves the right to cancel / postpone the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and Such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.
7. The bank reserves the right to accept, reject any or all bids at any stage and vary modify and waive any condition of sale in its absolute Discretion.
8. Statutory dues like property taxes/cess and / or Builder / Society / Association / Apartment development charges/ dues, contribution to society funds, transfer charges, arrears of electricity dues, arrears of water charges etc. should be ascertained by the Bidder(s) /Offerer(s) /prospective purchaser(s) beforehand and the same should be paid by the purchaser prior to execution of the sale Certificate. The stamp duty, registration charges/fees as applicable in respect of the sale certificate to be executed and all expenses incidental to the sale shall be borne by the purchaser alone.
9. The Authorized Officer Auctions this property on as is where is basis and any issues / disputes shall not be entertained by the Authorized Officer after conclusion of auction proceedings. The successful bidder shall make his / her own arrangements to take the auctioned property In vacant /actual possession and no claims /demand is maintainable before the Authorized Officer by the successful bidder on conclusion of Auction proceedings.

Subject to the conditions of Sale Above sealed tenders are invited from the interested persons willing to purchase the Schedule-1 part-B Properties.

* Sealed tenders must reach the Authorized Officer at the address mentioned above on or before **4.00 PM 23.03.2023** along with Demand Draft towards the earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the property and with the bid from duly completed. Bid form be collected From the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** Above address. The Demand Draft /pay Order shall be drawn on **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** Payable at **Bangalore**. Cheques will not be accepted or EMD any bid accompanied by a cheque Is liable to be disqualified. The bids will be opened on **24.03.2023 by 11.00 AM** in presence of the Authorised officer & bidders present at **Bank Premises, Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore .**
* Bid shall be unconditional and bids with conditions are liable to be reject.
* Incase highest bid being two or more and contain the same offer price. Authorized Officer may at his discretion arrange for open bidding interest the bidders, who have offered the same price
* In that event the amount at biddings is to be increased or the method of bidding shall be as decided by the Authorised Officer.
* Brokers / Middleman shall not to be entertained.
* Only bidder will be participate in public auction.
* The Sale Notice has been issued on 17.02.2023 To the borrowers.

For inspection of the properties and for details the interested person contact Authorised Officer on any working day between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM or Mohan Gangadhar - Mobile: 8549009966.

Date: 19.02.2023 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore**

RISING PRICES, POLICY DEBRIS AND DATA DEFICIT

THE THIRD EYE

SHANKKAR AIYAR
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INFLATION, Ronald Reagan said, is as violent as a mugger, as frightening as an armed robber and as deadly as a hit man. John Maynard Keynes observed that inflation impoverishes many and enriches some, as it arbitrarily rearranges wealth. Households in India and across the world are experiencing the Reaganesque definition and pondering over the Keynesian observation.

The falling credibility of policy prescriptions in tackling inflation is reflected eloquently in data. On February 8, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das and the Monetary Policy Committee averred that "headline CPI inflation had moderated" (and trimmed the inflation forecast for Q4). Six days later, on February 14, NSO informed India that consumer price inflation (CPI) shot up to 6.5% from 5.7%, a three-month high, in January 2023. Effectively retail inflation in India has been above the tolerance level of 6% in nine of 11 months.

While it is true that the February monetary policy statement did underline the concern about stickiness of core inflation, the googly in the data for the RBI was the rise in headline inflation. What is significant is the composition of elements which propelled the rise in levels – the rise in Consumer Food Price Index to 5.94% from 4.19% and that of retail prices in the rural economy. Doubtless this will fuel the political response to the economic question as political parties woo voters in the elections in nine states.

The debate in bazaars and homes across India is about the rising prices of essentials. Milk prices have gone up about 15% in six months, price of eggs have increased almost 20% thanks to the Malaysia effect and that of meat and fish too have spiraled – the late Subir Gokarn had memorably characterized the phenomenon as "protein inflation". Barring vegetables – thanks to seasonality -- prices of every item in the food basket shot up. What should ring alarm bells on Mint Street and Raisina Hill is the rise in the price of cereals – a weather event like last year before the Rabi harvest could deal a body blow to assumptions.

For sure the data on inflation will be tortured over the next few weeks in the RBI and in the Ministry of Finance to derive explanations – about the effects of procurement of grains and of auctions, about the absence of adjustment for subsidies and more. The old chestnut, the argument for shifting fuel taxation to GST to bring down fuel price inflation, is bound to make an appearance. There will also be much lather laced with jargon about the "long and variable lag" for policy to take effect – simply translated, why despite a series of rate hikes inflation continues to surprise on the upside.

What is relevant beyond the exploration for explanations is the divergence between reality and assumptions of inflation. What is material how the variation impacts estimates in the balance sheet of the government – for consumption, investment and GDP growth forecast, particularly as India heads into the 2024 elections. Inflation is essentially about the quantity of money chasing output.

The elephant in the room is the quantum of government expenditure fueled by borrowings. It is estimated that the gross market borrowings of the Centre plus the states will be around Rs 23.5 lakh crore this year or roughly Rs 6,400 crore a day. The cost of borrowings is bound to rise as the RBI pushes further rate hikes to contain inflation -- and the costs will inform and influence the ability of the governments to borrow.

The cost of capital is influenced by domestic factors and increasingly in the post-pandemic world by global conditions. The surprise rise in inflation in the United States has triggered expectations of a further 50 basis points hike. Rising cost of capital impacts growth – and will influence portfolio flows and trade. Given India's delicate current account situation, it is likely RBI will respond in order to maintain the interest differential and to protect its currency.

Rate hikes are a blunt instrument focused on demand destruction. Despite varying conditions -- for instance in the labour markets in developed and developing economies – the entrenched consensus is in favour of rate hikes. Indeed the impact of rate hikes by G7 nations on the debt and growth of emerging economies is on the agenda of the meeting of finance ministers at the G20 meeting this week in Bengaluru. The outcome of that debate will most likely follow the train of "long and variable lags" narrative. That said, there is no disputing that inflation will be impacted by the cost of imports and the "higher for longer" thesis prevailing in the world.

India remains the fastest-growing large economy. However in order to preserve its position, it would need to crowd in private investment, create incomes and propel growth. This is challenged by the spectre of inflation, level of general government deficit and cost of money. The circumstances call for a refocus of attention on policies – asset monetization and disinvestment for instance – to harness resources and leverage its demography. India can scarcely afford daily political distractions which detain action and popular aspirations.

BAN ON BILGE CAN ALSO BACKFIRE

POWER & POLITICS

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WHAT does the B in BBC and BJP have in common? It's a Bee in the bonnet called the Gujarat riots, which followed the Godhra carnage. It didn't matter to the broadcasting giant that the Indian Supreme Court, that too during Congress rule, cleared Prime Minister Narendra Modi of any involvement. It went ahead and aired 'India: The Modi Question', connecting him with the riots. Obviously, this caused a political earthquake in the powerful Indian establishment. The BJP, forever on its toes to bat away such allegations, struck back vehemently and vociferously: the medium, indeed, seems to be the message here, going by Canadian philosopher Marshall McLuhan. It was McLuhan who coined the phrase 58 years ago in 'Understanding the Media: The Extensions of Man'. He even quoted the ancient Greeks: "Archimedes once said, "Give me a place to stand, and I will move the world," he wrote. Today the Canadian philosopher would have remarked of the electronic media, "I will stand on your eyes, your ears, your nerves, and your brain, and the world will move in the manner I choose." The "places to stand" have been leased to private corporations.

Last week, the Archimedes scenario was on a roll. The BBC, with revenues of 5 billion GBP and worldwide weekly viewership of around 364 million, came in the government's crosshairs. Established by Royal Charter, the oldest British broadcaster has 22,000 employees across the world, including in India. A couple of weeks after the documentary was aired, over two dozen taxmen and police descended on BBC offices in Mumbai and Delhi. For three days, they combed through files, cell phones and computers, looking for tax evasion. The raid, aka survey, didn't go down well with the Opposition. The entire non-BJP spectrum yelled government assault on freedom of expression and accused the Modi-Sarkar of intimidating a credible media organisation. Irony died: the ban on the documentary and the subsequent raids were dubbed as the return of the Emergency by the same party of Indira Gandhi who had imposed press censorship—she had banned BBC twice. While the Indian media stuck to reporting the facts on the ground and refrained from making judgments, the Western press went ballistic. It targeted Modi and his party for gagging independent voices. The BJP retaliated by saying the BBC was part of a cabal out to tarnish India's image abroad. They claimed that this cabal is envious of India's growing clout and Modi's global influence. The very fact that Western leaders have been circumspect on the ban proves a point—Modi is too powerful an ally and also an influencer in trade and foreign policy to be crossed. South Block questioned the documentary's motive by stating, "If anything, this film or documentary is a reflection on the agency and individuals that are peddling this narrative again. It makes us wonder about the purpose of this exercise and the agenda behind it." Historically the BBC is trusted to correctly convey critical information in any part of the globe. In India, it acquired credibility during the Emergency when Indians stayed glued to BBC news to know about political developments. The BBC has the reputation of being the first to expose news suppressed by privately controlled domestic media companies bowing to authoritarian leaders. But in the age of social media and VPNs, bans have a limited impact. The film went viral, watched by an estimated 50 million plus Indians, although it showed hardly anything new. Hence was the ban counterproductive? Committed saffronites were anxious that it boosted the BBC's viewership. Since the Indian media excessively amplifies the Modi Factor in governance, pain from BBC's tiny pinprick would have been negligible and could have been dismissed.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

However, the film's timing and content are suspect. The BBC had been captured by libertarians right from the start. Instead of reporting what it calls "without fear and favour, the BBC favours many and fears few". Its ideologically coloured reportage forced Churchill to declare, "I am against the monopoly enjoyed by the BBC. For eleven years, they kept me off the air. They prevented me from expressing views which have proved to be right. Their behaviour has been tyrannical. They are honeycombed with Socialists—probably with Communists". Later, senior ministers in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet called the BBC a "Stateless Person's Broadcasting Corporation" due to its biased coverage of the Falklands war. Its Middle East coverage has been partial: a few days ago, the British public fulminated against a sympathetic BBC documentary on Jihadi Bride Shamima Begum who joined ISIS in Syria in 2015 and now wants to return. The broadcaster's critics call its India reportage biased since the editorial staff is chosen for their political leanings and connections. Ever since Modi became Prime Minister, the BBC's Hindi and Urdu reporting has been negative. During Covid-19, it gave extensive coverage to the migrant tragedy and pandemic-related deaths, which the government dismissed as far from reality. The BBC, like many journalistic platforms, is often guilty of inaccurate and agenda-driven reporting. But it never got much traction because the government of the day either ignored it or just rapped its knuckles. The backlash to a ban on a poorly researched piece of cliched propaganda proves that censorship is counterproductive. It woke even neutral people up to the riots and time-worn allegations. It made them curious. Any attempt to muzzle dissent is guaranteed to backfire due to the availability of millions of alternative mediums to amplify any message the government spikes. Dissent, discussion and dialogue deliver the same message in a healthy democracy—work speaks louder than words disseminated by any medium. Maiming of the medium, even a motivated one, will sow the seeds of new malicious mediums. Contrarians always ensure the continuity of the Umpire run by truth and nothing else. They may not be adored, but they shouldn't be abhorred or ignored.

Another Greek story springs to mind about Cadmus, the father of literacy and civilisation. After killing a sacred dragon, he throws its teeth on the ground, from which sprang a group of savage soldiers named 'spartoi' who want to kill him. He flings a precious jewel into their midst, and each spartoi wants it for himself. They fight each other and die while Cadmus survives. Truth is a precious jewel and has many dragons like the BBC to defend it. But facts that comprise a doubtful truth will be like the spartoi, and will eventually self-destruct. The BBC and its detractors are advised to brush up on some mythology to get both their history and politics right.

PONNIYAN SELVAN AND KANTHALOOR SALAI

A COUNTRY OF MANY GODS

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THE multi-starrer blockbuster Ponniyan Selvan did provide the visual treat of Kalki Krishnamurthy's magnum opus novel, eulogising the intriguing political scenario of South Indian history just before the ascent of the benevolent Arulmozhi Varman of the Chola dynasty. Of course, in the film sequence, we are yet to see the crowning of Arulmozhi Varman as Raja Raja. At the movie's end, he was seen struggling to survive in Sri Lanka.

As we know from history, he took over Sri Lanka and completely changed the land's ethnographical profile during the middle phase of his reign. Before the Sri Lankan invasion, lauded as equal to the victory of Rama in inscriptions, Raja Raja engaged with another region which probably empowered the financial enhancement of his empire. Raja Raja I initiated his territorial expansion with the conquest of Kerala as soon as he became king. One of the early epithets he assumed was Keralantaka, the victorious over Kerala.

Parantaka II [SundaraChola], the father of Raja Raja, initiated the Chola incursion into Kerala when he humbled the Pandyans and entered southwestern Tamil Nadu. The Suchindram temple inscription of Parantaka mentions the Chola extension to Pandyan country. Raja Raja continued the Pandya-Kerala conquest within three years of his reign. "This king, a pile of matchless prosperity, majesty, learning, the strength of arm, prowess, heroism and courage invaded and conquered in order, (all) the quarters commencing with the direction of Trisanku (the south)", notes copper-plates from Tiruvalangadu [near Chennai]. The much-referred battle of Kanthaloor Salai was fought around 988 CE, along with the capture of Vizhinjam, a port city around 9 km from Thiruvananthapuram. Scholars have differing views on the exact location of Kanthaloor Salai. There needs to be more clarity regarding the precise meaning of Salai. Some scholars believe that it was the first major naval victory of Cholas under Raja Raja. The Vizhinjam port would have featured in the trade route annals of southern India along with Kollam and Musiris.

As the Kanthaloor Salai war resulted in capturing Vizhinjam as suggested in the Tiruvalangadu inscription, Kanthaloor Salai would not have been far from Vizhinjam port. Some scholars suggest that it was 20km east of Vizhinjam and shifted after the sacking by the Cholas to Thiruvananthapuram to a place presently known as Valiyasala. Most scholars suggest that the original Kanthaloor Salai destroyed/captured by the Cholas was a reputed centre for Vedic studies and weaponry. "It is now clear that the salai (or ghatika or kalakam or kalam) was a peculiar institution, a multipurpose training centre for celibate arms-bearing Brahmins (Chathar/Chathirar) in material and spiritual fields (including military training to equip them to serve the chieftain or the king and Vedic and sastraic studies)" wrote M G S Narayanan. However, some writers before him suggested that the "salai" could have been a naval base, military training centre, cantonment or ammunition depot. Desikavinayakam Pillai considers it a regulation of the Brahmin feeding house at Kanthaloor. Nilakanta Sastri calls it the "destroyed ships at Kanthaloor [harbour/Salai]".

The battle of Kanthaloor Salai was fought around 988 CE, along with the capture of Vizhinjam, a port city around 9 km from Thiruvananthapuram. Opnions differ on the exact location of Kanthaloor Salai

In Tamil, Salai also means a market street, apart from an oblong hall. Anna Salai in present Chennai city and Chalai market in Thiruvananthapuram are perfect examples. While accepting Salai as the brahmin settlement, we also accept Raja Raja as the destroyer of Brahminic settlements, which is quite the opposite of what he was. More acceptable is the destruction of the business centre and the capture of a major port like Vizhinjam. Pius Malekandathil describes the impact of the capture of Kanthaloor Salai among the business community in Kerala thus, "We find several attempts on the part of the Chera rulers and their feudatories to encourage trade of foreign and local merchants operating at different places of Kerala, particularly after the defeat of the Chera naval power at Vizhinjam and loss of Quilon to the forces of Raja Raja Chola. In the war council that was convened, Joseph Rabban, who was the head of the Anjuvannam merchant guild and linked with the Jews of Muyirikkode [Muziris] placed at the disposal of the Chera ruler his ships, men and material to conduct war with Cholas". One can only wonder why the business community is getting agitated about the destruction of the Brahminic settlement at Kanthaloor Salai.

There was a conscious attempt to control the Indian Ocean trade route by the Cholas initiated by Raja Raja, and rather than the land expansion Raja Raja, a sharp reader of the region's geopolitics, tried to capture the major business centres and ports on the eastern and western sea. "These were the transit areas, ports of call for the Arab traders and ships to Southeast Asia and China, which were the source of the valuable spices sold at a high profit to Europe." writes Romila Thapar. One can see the result of these attempts to control trade and the resultant economic empowerment under Raja Raja through the magnificent edifice constructed by Raja Raja at Tanjavur, known as the Bruhadesvara temple.

Like the good-hearted hero of Kalki's Ponniyan Selvan, Raja Raja did not forget to acknowledge Kerala's contribution to his career and wealth. He names one of the main gopurams of Bruhadeesvara Temple as Keralantaka Gopuram.

QUOTE CORNER

I wanted to play for India as a youngster but I never thought I would get to 100 Test matches. Test cricket is the ultimate format, it challenges you just like life. To all the youngsters, I would encourage you all to work hard and play Test cricket for India

Cheteshwar Pujara, Indian cricketer

We seek competition, not conflict with China. We're not looking for a new Cold War. But I make no apologies and we will compete

Joe Biden, US President

...both sides preparing offensive ops expected in the late winter (the Russians) and spring/summer (Ukrainians). The side with the most well-equipped forces will make the most significant gains. And my bet is on Ukraine in that regard

General David Petraeus, US Army General

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End caste bias

Apropos of 'Tear down systems that uphold caste bias' (Feb 18). Humans being grouped inferior and superior is unfair. We all are humans, then why is there discrimination among ourselves? This existence of caste bias even in contemporary times shows how cruel one can be to another. This practice must be rooted out from society.

Soumita Das, Bengaluru

Discrimination will destroy

Apropos of 'Puthirai Vannars forced to prove caste for community certificate' (Feb 18). The warning in the editorial that the evil of the caste system will continue to singe humanity is timely. The revenue officials' demand of caste-based occupation proof from the Puthirai Vannar students is yet another case of harassment of SC persons. Apart from instructing the erring officials to issue the requested community certificate, the Collector should take disciplinary action against them.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Keep Parliament in check

Apropos of 'Basic structure as a democratic defence' (Feb 17). The Indian Constitution is the guardian of the nation that protects democracy. Parliament should have some limitations while amending the Constitution under Article 368. The assertion of the Chief Justice is justified that the basic structure cannot be altered. In this way, it curtails Parliament from enjoying absolute power which is contradictory to democracy.

Priyambada Hota, Balangir

They aren't a vote bank

Thank you, TNIE, for the valuable piece 'Keep promise, ensure land for Kerala tribals' (Feb 17). The negligence and deceit by successive governments is not only in Wayanad but in every tribal hamlet in Kerala. If lands are earmarked, there are no title deeds. If pattayams are distributed, the lands are under dispute. If both are there, the land is uninhabitable and uncultivable. It is government failure that the tribals could not be made beneficiaries of land reforms. After all, they don't necessarily constitute a vote bank!

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Caste in the classroom

With reference to 'Caste bias on campus' (Feb 17), it is sad to know that an IIT-Mumbai student died by suicide. In India, caste is a reality that lurks within the classroom and campus. SC/ST students are looked down upon and made fun of.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Safety hazard

With reference to 'Over 200 vehicles gutted in massive blaze at police dumping yard in Kannur' (Feb 17), many police stations in Kasargod have a huge stock of vehicles in custody awaiting disposal for a long time. Some of these dumps are adjacent to petrol pumps and markets. Quick action is the need of the hour.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Testing times for BBC

The Income Tax Department has come up with serious findings against the BBC. There is a huge mismatch between the company's official income and its scale of operations in the country. What do the Kerala chief minister and the Opposition leader, who have been supporting the BBC, have to say now?

K A Solaman, Alappuzha

Justice for tribals

This is with reference to 'Keep promise, ensure land for Kerala tribals' (Feb 17). The Kerala government's delay in settling the tribal problem is most regrettable. Though nearly 35,000 families have been provided land, their preliminary needs are not being met to allay their suffering. Justice delayed is justice denied.

S Chockalingam, Kottaram

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Salman Khurshid @salman7khurshid
What about the small print? There is much that we skip & brush undr the carpet that will impact the development of our children.

Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
Entirely Compromised institution (EC), legitimising a bunch of thieves, does not make the theft legitimate.

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh
Hearty greetings to all the on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri! May Lord increase happiness, peace, fame and prosperity.

Collegium system is nearly perfect, says ex-CJI Lalit

'If system has checks and balances, there's no need for further judicial interference'

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

TERMING the collegium system as "near perfect" former CJI UU Lalit on Saturday said that nothing is better than this system. Speaking at an event organised by Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Reforms' on "Judicial Appointments and Reforms", ex CJI while backing the system said a rigorous process is involved in recommending names for judgeship of constitutional courts.

"According to me, we don't have a system better than this. If we don't have anything qualitatively better than the collegium system, naturally, we must work towards making it possible that this collegium system survives. Today the model as per which we work is a near perfect model," he said.

"Once the system has these checks and balances, I don't think any interference is required. Through this process, we've been able to have judges for many years. Once the law has been laid down, according to me, there should be no judicial interference on this. Whatever be the objections, they must be raised as early as possible, preferably within six weeks. Then whatever the Collegium decides must be followed," he said. The Ex CJI who retired in November 2002 had a short tenure of over 73 days said that judiciary is in a better position for adjudicating the potential candidates on merit as they have seen their work over the years and that the executive may not be in a position to make such an assessment. He also said that reiteration of name by the Supreme Court Collegium is unanimous.

"When the matter reaches the SC collegium, there is a fully perfect situation, whether the name be accepted or not to be accepted. It's not as if it is a whimsical exercise taken by someone. It's a fool proof arrangement," he also said.

Soros trying to build false narrative, says Jaishankar

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

GEORGE Soros is trying to invest resources in shaping false narratives, said External Affairs Minister, **Dr Jaishankar**, at an event in Australia on Saturday. His remark was a reaction to the 92-year-old billionaire American investor, Soros accusing Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, of being Adani's ally while speaking at the Munich Security Conference(MSC) on February 17th. "Soros is an old, rich, opinionated person sitting in New York who still thinks that his views should determine how the entire world works. He is also dangerous. Because when such people actually invest resources in shaping narratives," Dr Jaishankar said.

Dr Jaishankar also said that when we talk of globalisation, the seamlessness of globalisation also allows narratives to be shaped, money to come in, foundations to go about their agenda.

"In this case it is clear there is very strong political preferences that this person has," Dr Jaishankar added. The external affairs minister recalled Soros' earlier remarks on the Citizenship Amendment Act, made a few years ago. "We know the dangers of what happens when there's outside interference ' if you do this kind of scaremongering, like millions of people will be deprived of citizenship, it actually does real damage to our societal fabric," he said.

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Dr S Jaishankar, MEA

"There are other manifestations of this in different countries, where people like him think an election is good if the person we want to see wins. If the election throws up a different outcome, then we actually will say it's a flawed democracy," he said. Jaishankar said globalisation allows seamless opportunities but also allows narratives to be shaped, money to come in, and organisations to get about their agenda. "All this is done under the pretence of advocacy of an open society of transparency."

The 92-year-old hedge fund tycoon, who has been associated with supporting liberal causes, on Thursday sent shockwaves in the Indian political scene saying Gautam Adani and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's fates are entwined, and alleged that Modi was not a "democrat".

"Adani Enterprises tried to raise funds in the stock market, but he failed. Adani is accused of stock manipulation and his stock collapsed like a house of cards. Modi is silent on the subject, but he will have to answer questions from foreign investors and in parliament," he said. The Adani Group has been under severe pressure since the US short-seller Hindenburg Research on January 24 accused it of accounting fraud and stock manipulation, allegations that the conglomerate has denied as "malicious", "baseless", and a "calculated attack on India."

MSC is an annual conference on global security issues that witnesses the coming together of senior politicians and military leaders. Amongst those attending it this year are US Vice President Kamala Harris, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron.

With inputs from PTI

SMRITI MANDHANA

THE GRACE OF MANDHANA

GOMESH S @ Gqeberha (South Africa)

THE bidding was fierce. Neither Mumbai Indians nor Royal Challengers Bengaluru were willing to concede. They were trying to secure exceptional talent in the inaugural Women's Premier League and they knew how important the player would be to the fortunes of the team in the WPL. The gavel stopped the bidding at Rs 3.4 crore. An amount, offered by RCB, was never predicted in the WPL. It was a figure that not just broke expectations but also symbolised the rise of the game and its popularity.

Thousands of miles away in South Africa, Smriti Mandhana, who is an integral part of the India team at the ICC T20 World Cup, was celebrating along with her teammates. She has become the highest-paid woman cricketer. The entire team was following each and every action live and every sound of the gavel and sum announced by the auctioneer were cheered with zest. Of course, India team was not alone in this celebration, all other teams at the World Cup too joined in.

Mandhana was the star of the show and it was poetic that her name was the first to be called during the auction. She has been part of this India team for a while and has been an epitome of sporting excellence both on and off the field. To put the bid into context, in the inaugural men's IPL, MS Dhoni, the highest-priced player, accounted for 30% of the team's auction purse. And here Mandhana's price is 28.33% of the same. On Saturday, she was named the captain of RCB.

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Hailing from Sangli district in Maharashtra, the southpaw got into cricket quite early, thanks to the passion of her father Shriniwas Mandhana, a textile businessman. In fact, it was he who made her and her brother Shravan bat left-handed from a very young age to give them an edge.

Maybe, it was the way she was introduced to the game or that she was from Sangli, a district that was famous for its connection with Marathi theatre art, on the field, with the bat in hand, there isn't a better word to describe her than an 'artist'. Her impeccable timing and the touch and grace of elegance with which she plays her shots have got better with time.

Talent was visible even from a tender age, ever since she broke into the age-group teams. She showed glimpses of greatness, like Sneha Deepthi, who made her India debut in the same series as Mandhana in 2013, recollects succinctly. "Arey, yeh toh out hoti nahi hai (she does not get out at all)," says Sneha.

"It was in 2021. We were in Bhopal for an U-19 match and she was the pillar of the Maharashtra team. She played brilliantly. And being a lefty, it was so hard to get her out," recalls the Andhra batter.

From thereon, the duo's career grew together as they got into the India team in 2013. In a team that was filled with seniors, the youngsters developed a special bond. While Sneha was left out of the team shortly, Mandhana did not look back.

From being a young bespectacled prodigy, she went on to score six international centuries and won the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year twice — in 2019 and 2021. She is the vice-captain of the India team now.

As Mandhana made strides on the field, her off-field stature, too, grew steadily. She became the most-wanted big Indian name in the overseas leagues as well.

Sneha, who had a reunion of sorts with Mandhana, recalls how they were planning to get her out while the youngsters were more excited about meeting and taking selfies with Mandhana. But the one thing she is impressed and happy about is the fact that despite the fame, Mandhana as a person hasn't changed. "We don't talk too much now but she has not changed at all," says Sneha. " When I asked, she said, 'these things will come and go, but friends are friends."

NIA raids six locations in Raj for PFI activists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

The NIA on Saturday raided seven locations in Rajasthan in connection with the activities of banned outfit Popular Front of India (PFI). According to NIA sources, three places in Kota, and one each in Sawai Madhopur, Bhilwara, Bundi and Jaipur – both residential and commercial premises of some suspects – were searched by the agency as part of the crackdown.

An NIA official said, "The case is related to tip-off from reliable sources that Sadiq Sarraf, a resident of Baran district and Mohammed Asif from Kota along with other PFI officer bearers, members and cadres are indulging in unlawful activities." The investigation agency had taken up the case on September 19, a week before the outfit was banned by the MHA. Digital devices, air-gun, sharp weapons and incriminating documents were seized in the raids, the NIA official said.

Will plenary session be a game changer for Cong?

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AS the Congress is gearing up for its 85th Plenary session from February 24-26, the crucial question of election to the Congress Working Committee (CWC) has been the most anticipated one by political observers and alike. While many leaders point out that as the party has embarked on a democratic process with the election of a non-Gandhi at the helm after 25 years, it will have to affirm the commitment with the election of a new CWC — the apex decision-making body of the party.

Senior Congress leader and Lok Sabha MP Pradyut Bordoloi told this newspaper that the session is crucial for the party as it will allow it to identify challenges ahead of the 2024 elections. CWC elections are imperative as it will ensure the continuity of the democratic process, he said. "I hope that CWC will take place along with the plenary session.It will set a good example," he said. According to the Congress constitution, the CWC constitutes Congress president, its leader in Parliament, and 23 members, out of which 12 are being elected by AICC members and the rest are nominated by the president. In the past, elections to the CWC were held under PV Narasimha Rao and Sitaram Kesari in 1992 and 1997 respectively. Declining to comment on whether the CWC polls will take place or not, former defence minister and CWC member AK Antony told this newspaper that the plenary session will give a new direction in the run-up to the 2024 elections.

"The challenge before the party is to revive the idea of India. I hope that the Raipur session will steer the party to take up a major role to bring about a regime change," said Antony. Though speculation is rife that the party may not opt for CWC polls in the election year as it may disrupt the power equations, a former party leader, who quit recently, told this paper: The leader also pointed out how in 1992, at AICC's plenary session in Tirupati, then paty chief P V Narasimha Rao held elections to the CWC and made the elected CWC members resign and reconstituted it. Narasimha Rao didn't want his rivals in the CWC. He made the CWC members resign because no SC and ST members were selected," said the leader.

Former Union Minister M Veerappa Moily, who lost the last CWC elections in 1997 at the Calcutta plenary, told this paper that it will help to prepare a clear road map for 2024 polls. However, Moily deflected the question on the CWC elections.

The party has to overcome the fear of elections, says Mridula Mukherjee, historian and former director of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. "When you are criticizing the current regime for weakening democracy, then I think you have to affirm your commitment to democratic principles. Any dissent or difference of opinion should be better expressed through an open process," says Mukherjee.

Another main challenge is to put the house in order, says Bordoloi. The immediate challenge will be poll-bound Rajasthan where the tug-of-war between CM Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot poses a constant headache for the party.

Navy to continue its search for aircraft carrier

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

Operationally, new technologies and drones are coming in that can be launched from the carrier that can enhance operational capabilities. The Indian Navy requires three aircraft carriers

Admiral Hari Kumar, Indian Navy Chief

IN order to maintain the operational capabilities in future the Indian Navy will continue the study for its third indigenous aircraft carrier which will be larger than the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC)-2. The Navy has already confirmed to go ahead with the IAC-2 on the lines of the IAC-1 commissioned as INS Vikrant. Admiral R Hari Kumar confirmed by saying, "Initially we will go for the repeat order with improved capabilities and in the meantime we will go for study of larger carriers. Because the third aircraft which will come in and by the time it will be commissioned by that time the life of INS Vikramaditya may end.". He was speaking with media on the sidelines of Aero India 2023.

The earlier plans, as per Chief of Naval Staff were that "the IAC 2 should be bigger than IAC 1 in size. The size of INS Vikrant is 44,000 tonnes and we wanted the IAC2 to be around 65,000 tonnes." The decision for the repeat order of IAC 1 is based on multiple factors including construction time, the cost involved and the trajectory of indigenization of the aviation assets also. Admiral Hari Kumar said, "When we have to design a new aircraft carrier, it will take time and we have to bring new technologies because the present arresting, landing through catapult system is being changed now. For new design, the ship building facility will have to be upgraded. So we thought if we went for the repeat order the work would start soon."

"Operationally, new technologies and drones are coming in that can be launched from the carrier that can enhance operational capabilities. The Indian Navy requires three aircraft carriers because the ship if it goes for maintenance, it takes time," he added.

Aircraft carriers are known to have lengthy maintenance schedules. The cycle of maintenance can lead to an absence of a carrier for years, as has been the case with the refit of India's lone Aircraft Carrier INS Vikramaditya which started in the beginning of 2021 and still continues. It has been delayed due to a fire onboard in July.

With one aircraft carrier still under maintenance and one yet to be inducted, the Indian Navy will be operating without one for some more time. The Navy has been maintaining the three carriers-based force structure so that it can operate two of them in maritime zones on each side of the Indian coastline — eastern and western coasts. INS Vikramaditya was originally a Russian carrier — Admiral Gorshkov — was commissioned in 2013 after total refurbishing. The 44,500 tonne INS Vikramaditya has airfield of overall length of about 284 meters As reported by TNIE in December, the Navy completed all the documentation work on the repeat orders and it is expected that the approvals from the government will come soon. The new aircraft carrier is also expected to be of 45,000 displacements and STOBAR technology.

As enunciated by the Navy Chief the timeline would match India's push for self-reliance aim even to indigenise the aviation complex and it might match up with the production of the Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF). TEDBF is being designed for the Navy and officials of the HAL have been claiming it to be ready for commissioning by 2032.

Even if a decision on the carrier is taken today, it will take over a year to begin the process of manufacturing, defence sources told this newspaper.

Diversity in foreign service as women & marginalised get better opportunity

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE profile of officers in the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) is changing. From being considered an elitist service synonymous with the well-heeled it now has people from remote parts of the country including villages.

Interestingly, the average age has increased from 23 to 28 at present. Nearly 36 per cent are women, some are married with work experience.

"I was determined to make it to the IFS. After I finished my engineering from Punjab, I got married and moved to Delhi. After working in the private sector for a few years I began to prepare for the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exams. In my previous attempt I got through the Indian Police Service (IPS). However, I took a big risk and dropped out to take the exam again. My determination paid off and I finally made it for IFS. Five years of hard work and my husband's support made me realise my dream," said a young lady trainee officer.

She along with her other batchmates will get commissioned in October this year. The present officer trainees (OTs), 2022 batch, includes 36 IFS trainee officers which includes 13 lady trainees (36 per cent).

These 36 are from 17 different states and union territories. They are from Delhi, Bihar, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Telangana, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Odisha.

Amongst these OTs there are 22 engineers, one doctor, two lawyers, four science graduates and seven from humanities.

"I hail from a village in Odisha and prepared for the exam on my ow. I read the newspapers religiously and here I am today, realising my dream. I may have set a precedent back home," said another OT, who hails from a village in Odisha.

Out of the current batch of trainee officers, nine have worked in government (ministries, bank, railways and PSUs) and 12 have worked for the private sector for companies like Amazon, JP Morgan Chase Co, Samsung, Jindal Stainless.

Interestingly, the present batch of OTs also has two Bhutanese nationals who are training along with the Indians.

"It has been a privilege to get trained here. We consider India to be as our own and what we have learnt here will help us in our service back home in Bhutan," said one of the Bhutanese trainee officers.

Bhutanese have been undergoing training in the diplomatic service in India since 2017.

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OATH

Former Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday took oath as the 29th Governor of Himachal Pradesh at Raj Bhawan here. CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was also present at the ceremony.

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20 INJURED IN 2 ACCIDENTS IN SAGAR, DEWAS, MP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	17	Mumbai	36	23
Bhopal	34	15	Panaji	30	23
Jaipur	32	17	Patna	28	12
Amritsar	29	16	Lucknow	27	10
Chennai	31	23	Port Blair	32	23
Kolkata	32	23	Imphal	27	10
Srinagar	14	3	Chandigarh	21	06

Raj-Hry police in spot as VHP backs 'cow saviours'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

RIG HTWING Hindu outfits have demanded a CBI probe into a case registered against cow vigilantes Mohit Yadav alias Monu Manesar and others. Two youths belonging to Rajasthan were found charred in a vehicle in Barwas village of Loharu subdivision in Bhiwani on Thursday.

The youths were allegedly kidnapped from Bharatpur in Rajasthan on suspicion of being cow smugglers.

The incident has brought the police forces of the two states against each other.

Both VHP and Banjran Dal, besides members of the Gau Rakshak Dal staged a protest at the residence of Gurugram Deputy Commissioner on Saturday morning. They submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner.

VHP's Haryana chief Pawan Kumar said they would not "sit idle" if a cow protector is arrested without any evidence. "We have sympathy for the deceased. But it is wrong to accuse and arrest a person without evidence in the name of communal hatred. There should be a CBI inquiry into the matter," he said.

The VHP and others demanded that no one should be arrested until the investigation is over.

> This is a communal conspiracy to spoil harmony. The Congress is looking at political gains due to assembly polls but Hindus will not sit silent
>
> Kulbhushan Bhardwaj

The Hindu hardliners alleged that Rajasthan Police is implicating the 'cow protectors'. "The Ashok Gehlot government is trying to appease a section of the people in order get political gain in the forthcoming assembly polls,'' said VHP's Devinder Singh.

Kulbhushan Bhardwaj, a leader of Hindu outfit said, "This is a communal conspiracy to spoil the harmony in Rajasthan. The Congress is looking at political gains due to upcoming assembly elections but Hindus will not sit silent."

CASTE ISSUE

SC devotees stopped from praying in MP temples

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

SCHEDULED Caste (SC) men and women were allegedly stopped by powerful people from other castes from offering prayers at two separate Shiva temples in south west Madhya Pradesh's Khargone and Khandwa districts during the festival of Mahashivratri on Saturday.

While police lodged a case under IPC sections and provisions of the SC/ST (Atrocities) Act against four women and a man, the matter was resolved by police through timely intervention in adjoining Khandwa district.

In Chhoti Kasrawad village of Khargone district, women of Balai community (which comes under SC category) alleged that they were stopped from offering prayers at the Shiva temple. The women, including Sharmila Bai also alleged that men and women from other castes (particularly the Darbar caste) assaulted their children, including two girls. "They (men from the powerful Darbar caste) even threatened to throw our children out from the temple," Sharmila Bai alleged. Local leader of Bhim Army leader Sunil Chouhan, alleged that though the police have lodged an FIR, the main accused, haven't been included in it.

Uddhav will have to rebuild his party on anti-BJP plank

Sena will emerge on anti-BJP sentiment, face first test in BMC polls

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

Uddhav Thackeray waves at supporters, a day after the EC recognised Shinde faction as the real Shiv Sena at Bandra in Mumbai on Saturday | PTI

THACKERAY will have to follow in his father's footsteps to rebuild his party. And like Balasaheb Thackeray built the Shiv Sena on the anti-Congress plank, Uddhav will have to restructure his party on anti-BJP sentiments with more inclusive agenda.

The party of Uddhav's father has now been taken over by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde, thanks to the Election Commission of India that passed a 78-page order on Friday.

Sachin Parab, a senior analyst who has closely watched the rise and fall of the Shiv Sena, says the Elections Commission result was not at all surprising – not even to Uddhav.

"Around the time the Shinde revolt happened, Uddhav had called a small meeting of his local party cadre either at Shiv Sena Bhavan or at his private residence Matoshree where he categorically told them that they might lose the party's name and symbol. He appealed to them to rebuild the party again as his father did in 1960 against the Congress and other forces. The same formula will now be used, but this time, the structure that will support Uddhav's party will be anti-BJP. This will be the first political front that will be given birth by anti-BJP forces," Parab said.

He said propagating the party symbols will not be a big issue in the social media age. "Uddhav has already won the Andheri East by-election on his new symbol 'torch' where BJP was forced to exit gracefully from the fray. Besides, the ECI order will further generate sympathy towards Uddhav," said Parab. "The ECI has given more teeth to the aging tiger to fight against the BJP. He will play the victim card and he knows how to play it effectively."

Jaideo Dole, retired professor and analyst, said that ECI has given more ammunition to Uddhav Thackeray to play it against the BJP. "BJP has failed to understand the dynamic of Maharashtra's politics. The state's middle class has accepted Uddhav as its leader due to his mild nature. Many new people will join his force with a lot of hope," said Dole.

"Uddhav has presented a different Hindutva as it was presented by Balasaheb Thackeray whenever he wanted to corner the BJP. Hindutva has many shades and Uddhav will try to present a more inclusive shade so that all castes and sections vote for him in the coming elections," Dole said.

Parab says the ECI may have given Eknath Shinde the Shiv Sena's symbol of 'bow and arrow', but the original party and its legacy will be finally decided by the people. "The first test of leadership will be the BMC elections. The result will decide which side the wind is blowing in Maharashtra," Parab pointed out.

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Name of HP PWD min skipped at event

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu recently laid the foundation stone of 'Himachal Niketan' which will provide accommodation facilities to the students and residents of Himachal Pradesh visiting New Delhi. However, the name of state Public Works Department (PWD) minister Vikramaditya Singh was missing from a foundation stone plaque, despite the fact that he was also present on the occasion. This signalled that all is still not well in the state congress, as earlier, his mother Pratibha Singh, wife of former CM Virbhadra Singh was also in the race for Chief Minister's post but lost as Sukhu became CM.

IAS officers in a fix under Mann govt

The AAP-led Punjab government is in a fix after a case was registered by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau against a woman IAS officer some time ago, for the PSIEC land allotment scam and role of another IAS officer under scanner. As the Punjab IAS Officers' Association is up in arms, the officers have contributed money to fight a legal battle in case if the need arises. The political dispensation is trying hard to find a way out. It does not want to give the impression to the public that the anti-corruption plank they fought the elections for has been defused. Officails suggested that a judicial commission should be formed to handle this case for mroe time.

Drugs, arms haul along Pakistan border

The BSF on Saturday recovered 20 packets of heroin and a cache of arms and ammunition after a gunfight with Pakistani smugglers along the international border of India and Pakistan in Punjab's Gurdaspur, an official said. The gunfight began when the 113 Battalion of the Border Security Force noticed suspicious movement of smugglers ahead of fencing in the area near Khasawali village in the Gurdaspur district, said the official. "During patrolling in the dense fog at 5.30 am, BSF constable Hem Ram noticed some suspicious movement. The smugglers from the Pakistani side opened fire," BSF DIG Prabhakar Joshi said.

Meghalaya: A kingmaker for long, UDP now hopes to lead govt

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Mairang

IN politically-unstable Meghalaya, where a single party government is rare, the United Democratic Party (UDP) is expected to emerge as the kingmaker, again. Carved out of Assam, Meghalaya attained statehood in 1972. After the first state election held the same year, the All Party Hills Leaders' Conference had formed the government singlehandedly. Ever since then, it has been a saga of coalition governments.

There are several national and regional parties contesting the February 27 elections but none holds sway across the state's three regions – Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and Garo Hills.

The talk of the town is the contest will be between the National People's Party (NPP), which is headedd by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, and the Trinamool Congress (TMC) that made a backdoor entry into the state after 12 Congress MLAs, led by former Chief Minister Mukul Sangma, jumped ship. The perception that the polls will throw up a fractured mandate is expected to make the UDP a kingmaker yet again. It had won six seats the last time and took the tally to eight after winning two by-elections.

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> Metbah Lyngdoh, UDP chief

An important component of the NPP-led ruling coalition, this regional power continues to charm its pocket boroughs in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills. It has been an integral part of several governments since 1998. The UDP is hoping to better its 2018 performance as the NPP is facing serious charges of corruption and an anti-incumbency wave and the Congress virtually has got decimated by series of desertions. From 21 seats in 2018, it does not have a single MLA left now.

UDP chief and Assembly Speaker **Metbah Lyngdoh** too believes no party will be able to win 30 of the state's 60 seats. He is optimistic about the party's poll prospects.

"We hope to be at the forefront. With that goal in mind, we are moving ahead. We will win a good number of seats. It is due to this confidence that we are contesting 46 seats, 13 more than the last time," Lyngdoh told this newspaper at a rally at his pet Mairang constituency on Saturday.

Unlike in Khasi and Jaintia Hills where the 36 seats invariably went to multiple parties in past elections, the Garo Hills region is known to largely vote for the ruling party and the principal opposition.

BJP hits back at Salman Khursheed

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BJP hit back at Congress leader Salman Khursheed who said at national convention of CPI(ML) in Patna on Saturday that Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar should present Bihar Model of Opposition unity at national level. Khursheed's statement came soon after Nitish, who was present at convention, said that Congress should take initiative for Opposition unity without any delay.

He, however, reiterated that he was not in the race for Prime Minister's post as being projects by some leaders of the state. Taking a dig at Congress leader, BJP's OBC Morcha general secretary Nikhil Anand said that Nitish Kumar has no model of his own. He alleged that corruption and crime control were on top priority of NDA government in Bihar.

Earlier Nitish emphasized on the strength of a united Opposition to take on BJP in 2024 Lok Sabha election saying that if they come together then saffron party won't be able to win more than 100 seats.

1st anti-graft G20 meet to hold yoga classes

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

HARYANA Government has decided that the first Anti Corruption Working Group Meeting of G-20, which is scheduled to be held in Gurugram from ensuing March 1 to 4, would begin with yoga sessions for all the participants from different countries in the mornings for the three days.

Companies and corporate houses advised to put up approved G-20 creatives and projections on their buildings besides lilting up their buildings as is done during Diwali festival. Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Dr Amit Agrawal, who is also the Director General of Information, Public Relations, Culture and Languages Department, Haryana, today reviewed the preparations, especially those related to branding of the event.

In the virtually held meeting, Agrawal said that the companies or corporate houses should come forward in presenting a gesture of welcome to the delegates. For example, they can put up approved G-20 creatives and projections on their buildings. In addition, they can adequately lit up their buildings, as is done during Diwali festival. It was informed in the meeting that hoardings are also being displayed to inform the general public about the importance of this Summit.

For this purpose, 400 auto rickshaws and as many taxi cabs in Gurugram and Faridabad are used to publicise the event. In addition, 100 bus queue shelters in the national capital Delhi and 200 bus queue shelters in Gurugram, 300 buses of Haryana State Transport, 200 departmental hoardings have been put up with publicity material related to the summit. The G-20 logo will be broadcast in all the centers across the state.

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'Hindu rashtra' march in Cong-ruled C'garh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

VISHWA Hindu Parishad (VHP) has launched a padyatra campaign in the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh on the day of Mahashivratri festival in support of their demand to make India as 'Hindu Rashtra'.

The foot-march Hindu Swabhiman Jagran Sant Padyatra' has begun from four four Shaktipeeth located in different corners of the state. The sadhus-sants (religious gurus) linked with the campaign will cover 700 km distance across the state within a month.

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>
> Bhupesh Baghel, Chattisgarh CM

Chief minister Bhupesh Baghel responding to the yatra and said, "I have tremendous respect for the sadhus-sants whom I also urge to visit the Ram Van Gaman Path (believed to have been undertaken by Ram during his exile), the nine developed religious spots along this route that the state government has developed besides the the temple of Mata Kaushalya (mother of Lord Rama)."

The CM however alleged that the BJP is using all its means to gain advantage in an election year and initiated the politics of religion. "Why has the VHP not planned such a padyatra in the BJP-ruled states. They don't need to carry out such dramas in Chhattisgarh", he added. The VHP though maintained that the padyatra is not intended for any electoral gain.

The opposition in the state cited that such a campaign will enable the Hindu religion to progress. "Such yatras shouldn't be merely connected to religion. Why is the state government afraid of it", said Brijmohan Agrawal, senior BJP MLA in Raipur.

Ujjain sets world record, lights 18.82 L diyas on Mahashivratri

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

LAND of Lord Mahakal and Madhya Pradesh's holy city Ujjain created a new world record of largest display of oil lamps by successfully lighting over 18.82 lakh diyas at the sacred Kshipra riverfront on Mahashivratri (Thursday) evening.

"It's official now, this is a new record. Ujjain has successfully lit 18.82 lakh-plus diyas and also ensured that these diyas continued to twinkle for at least five minutes on the entire Ghats dotting the Kshipra river here. By this successful attempt, Ujjain has surpassed the previous record of Ayodhya, which had lit 15.76 lakh-plus diyas in October 2022," Guinness World Record Team's adjudicator Swapnil Dangarikar announced from the stage of the Shiv Jyoti Arpanam in Ujjain.

Quoting the actual figures, the MP chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan congratulated Ujjain for lighting-up 18,82,229 diyas to render an unparalleled divine experience, ushered with unbelievable public participation.

Importantly, Ujjain has set the world record of the largest display of oil lamps, not once, but twice within a year. Earlier, on March 1, 2022 evening (Mahashivratri), Ujjain had surpassed Ayodhya's 2021 Diwali record of 9.41 lakh diyas, by successfully lighting 11.71 lakh-plus diyas.

However, seven months later, Ayodhya passed Ujjain's March 1, 2022 mark by lighting-up the entire Saryu riverfront with 15.76 lakh-plus diyas on Chhoti Diwali (October 23, 2022).

Ujjain had originally targeted lighting 21 lakh diyas for the new record, but ultimately succeeded in lighting 18.82 lakh. If total number of diyas were lit elsewhere across Ujjain city, the figure could well have touched or crossed 21 lakhs.

Villagers protest over ban on 'shobha yatra'

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

ANGRY over the administration's ban on taking out a procession (Shobha yatra) on Mahashivratri festival in a village in Roorkee, people registered their protest by putting up posters of 'This house is for sale' outside their houses and also threatened to leave the village in the near future, calling it a violation of fundamental rights under religious freedom.

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>
> Satyendra Singh Butola, SSI

In view of the last incident of disturbance between two communities on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, the administration in Dada Jalalpur village did not allow 'Shobha Yatra' on Mahashivaratri, and also imposed Section 144 within a 5-km radius of Dada Jalalpur village. Angered by this, some villagers put up posters outside the house, "The house is for sale", leaving the administrative officials shocked.

In April last year, there was a ruckus between two communities during the Hanuman Jayanti procession. There was arson in the village, due to which the district administration did not allow the procession to be taken out on Mahashivaratri this time, resulting in resentment among the villagers.

SSI Satyendra Singh Butola of Bhagwanpur police station told this newspaper, "Due to the administration not giving permission for the 'Shobha Yatra', the police did not give permission for the procession and there was past experience due to which there was a possibility of breach of peace, in view of this, the police and administration have taken this step." "Posters put up by villagers are being investigated", he added.

52-YR-OLD
woman killed in an accident as a New York City police cruiser struck her

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	11	-3	TDS	Los Angeles	21	9	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	27	15	HR
Dhaka	31	20	TDS	Moscow	-4	-6	HR
Dubai	24	19	SNY	New York	11	7	LC
Houston	24	17	SNY	Singapore	30	24	TDS
Istanbul	15	10	LC	Toronto	7	3	LC
London	13	6	LC	Washington	15	7	LC

Fresh tension as North Korean ICBM lands in the sea off Japan

The missile travelled for about an hour for 900 km at a maximum altitude of 5,700 km

SEOUL

NORTH Korea on Saturday fired an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) from its capital into the sea off Japan, according to its neighbours, a day after it threatened to take strong measures against South Korea and the US over their joint military exercises.

According to the South Korean and Japanese militaries, the missile was fired on a high angle, apparently to avoid reaching the neighbours' territories, and travelled about 900 kilometres at a maximum altitude of 5,700 kilometres during an hour-long flight.

Japanese government spokesperson Hirokazu Matsuno said no damage has been reported from the missile, which landed within Japan's exclusive economic zone (EEZ), about 200 kilometres west of Oshima island. Oshima lies off the western coast of the northernmost main island of Hokkaido.

While the US Indo-Pacific Command said the launch did not pose an immediate threat to US personnel, territory, or its allies, the White House National Security Council said it needlessly raises tensions and risks destabilising the security situation in the region.

"It only demonstrates that the DPRK continues to prioritise its unlawful weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programmes over the well-being of its people," it said, calling it a "flagrant violation of multiple UNSC resolutions."

The office of South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said his national security director, Kim Sung-han, presided over an emergency security meeting where members accused the North of escalating regional tensions. They denounced North Korea for accelerating its nuclear arms development despite signs of worsening economic problems and food insecurity, saying such actions would bring only tougher international sanctions.

Japanese PM Fumio Kishida said Tokyo was closely communicating with Washington and Seoul over the launch, which he called "an act of violence that escalates provocation toward the international order."

North Korea on Friday accused Washington and Seoul of planning more than 20 rounds of military drills this year and described its rivals as "arch-criminals deliberately disrupting regional peace..."

South Korea's Defence Ministry officials told earlier that Seoul and Washington will hold combined training in mid-March. *AP*

PYONGYANG WARNS OF STRONG ACTION

North Korea's Foreign Ministry on Friday threatened with "unprecedently" strong action against its rivals, after South Korea announced a series of planned military exercises with the United States aimed at sharpening their response to the North's growing threats. The launch was North Korea's first since January 1, when it test-fired a short-range weapon. It followed a massive military parade in Pyongyang last week, where troops rolled out more than a dozen ICBMs as leader Kim Jong Un watched in delight from a balcony.

Jaishankar meets Australian PM, discusses bilateral strategic ties

SYDNEY

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday met Australia's top leadership, including Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and discussed the bilateral strategic partnership, economic opportunities, people-to-people ties, besides exchanging ideas on the Indo-Pacific region and cricket.

He also conveyed the personal greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to his Australian counterpart Albanese.

"It was wonderful to meet with @DrSJaishankar this morning ahead of my trip to India next month. We discussed our strategic partnership, economic opportunities and the people-to-people ties that enrich our nations," Albanese tweeted. Jaishankar also met his counterpart Penny Wong and exchanged views on a number of issues.

Jaishankar, in his meeting with Wong, noted the forward movement on the bilateral agenda and emphasised the need for vigilance against radical activities targeting Indian community.

"Australia's partnership with India is crucial for us and for our region. We are working together to shape the region we want—stable, prosperous and respectful of sovereignty. My good friend @DrSJaishankar and I reaffirmed our commitment to this ambition in Sydney today," Wong tweeted.

Jaishankar also met Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles and discussed strategic convergence,which he said underpin the growing bilateral cooperation. *PTI*

Foreign minister Jaishankar with Australia PM Anthony Albanese in Sydney | TWITTER

U.S. PITCH

Need nations like India to outcompete China: Senator

WASHINGTON

THE US and Europe need countries like India on board to outcompete China, top American Senator Chuck Schumer said, adding they all need to work together to ensure the democratic international order does not disintegrate in the face of an increasingly aggressive Chinese Communist Party. This is the message with which Schumer, Senate Majority Leader, is leading a powerful bipartisan group of Senators to India next week.

"We must work together to ensure the democratic international order does not disintegrate in the face of an increasingly aggressive Chinese Communist Party. And the task does not belong to the US and Europe alone: We need nations like India, the world's largest democracy, and the democracies of Asia, to work with us to outcompete China," Schumer said in remarks at the McCain Award Dinner at Munich Security Conference. "I will travel to India and deliver the same message to them as we seek to counter this looming threat. I urge Europe to do the same. India, with its democratic traditions, can be a very strong partner in outcompeting China. And India joining the Western partnership could serve the purpose of advancing democracy," Schumer said.

Earlier in an op-ed in *The Washington Post*, Schumer said the democratic international order must stand strong to confront the rise of the Chinese Communist Party. "But the task does not belong to the United States and Europe alone: We need nations such as India... to work with us to outcompete China and its aggressions. This week, I will also travel with eight other senators to India and deliver the same message to our friends," the Senator wrote. *PTI*

US concludes search for downed Chinese balloons

BEIJING BROADSIDE

China's top diplomat Wang Yi on Saturday blasted the US reaction to what Washington has called a Chinese spy balloon as "hysterical and absurd." And he accused the United States of trying to "smear" the Asian giant while it itself was implementing policies that ran counter to its paradigms such as free trade. "There are many balloons from many countries in the sky. Do you want to down each and every one of them?" Wang Yi asked.

WASHINGTON

THE US military said on Friday that it has ended its search for airborne objects that were shot down near Deadhorse, Alaska, and over Lake Huron on February 10 and 12.

The statement released late Friday came hours after officials said the US has finished efforts to recover the remnants of the large balloon that was shot down February 4 off the coast of South Carolina, and analysis of the debris so far reinforces conclusions that it was a Chinese spy balloon.

Officials said the US believes that Navy, Coast Guard and FBI personnel collected all of that balloon's debris off the ocean floor, which included key equipment from the payload that could reveal what information it was able to monitor and collect. White House national security spokesman John Kirby said a significant amount of debris was recovered and it included "electronics and optics" from the payload. He declined to say what, if anything, the US has learned from the wreckage so far. US Northern Command said in a statement that the recovery operations ended on Thursday and the final pieces are on their way to the FBI lab in Virginia for analysis.

The announcements capped three dramatic weeks that saw United States fighter jets shoot down four airborne objects—the large Chinese balloon on February 4 and three much smaller objects about a week later over Canada, Alaska and Lake Huron. *AP*

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Tender Notice No.07/2023 Dt.17.02.2023. PUB/0165

SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS E-Procurement Tender notice:

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenderers Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted.Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in.**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
81.22.1416	Compressed oxygen gas
81.23.1419	Metal Cutting Gas
56.23.1193	Relay AC Immune
60.23.9018	Manufacture & supply of 10125
56.23.5011	Supply of SMPS IPS
18.22.1880	Traction Motor Drive
80.22.1202A	Crank Case Oil
79.23.1015	MILL Made Bed Sheets
60.23.5058	Procurement of Epoxy
16.23.1190	Power assembly blade Rod
16.23.1178A	Clutch Assembly
18.23.1101	Locomotive Speed sensor
29.23.1389	Holder for Traction Motor
60.23.5084	Manufacture and supply of 60kg
29.23.1485	Set of pins and Bushes
60.22.5536	Cylinder as per plasser
82.23.4612	Zonal Rate Contract for(PH NO.25146)
82.23.0014A	(PH.NO.22155) SACUBITRIL 24MG
82.23.0561	(PH.NO.13118) SACUBITRIL 49MG
82.23.4192	(PH.NO.32094) QUADRIVALENT
82.23.1307	(PH.No.07029) ELTROMBOPAG
82.23.0516	Zonal Rate Contract for (PH25163)
82.23.0238	Zonal Rate Contract for (PH25161)
82.23.4976	(PH.NO.10123) EMPAGLIFLOZIN
82.23.0003	(PH.NO.10126) CANAGLIFLOZIN
82.23.0739	Zonal Rate Contract (PH15027)
82.23.0004	(PH.NO.10127) EMPAGLIGLOZIN
16.23.1189	Power Assembly fork rod
82.23.2558	Zonal Rate Contract (PH25115)
82.23.0089A	Zonal Rate contract (PH.No.25106)
82.23.0491	(PH.NO.65097) Eltrombopag
82.23.1448	(PH.No.10061) MONOCOMPONENT)
82.22.1464b	(PH.NO.10085) SAXAGLIPTIN 5MG
82.23.2023	(PH.NO.25158) RECOMBINANT

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening:
SL.No.01 on dt.06.03.2023.SL.No.02 on dt.08.03.2023.SL.No.03&04 dt.09.03.2023 SL. No. 05&6 on dt.10.03.2023.SL No.07 to 09 on dt.13.03.2023.SL.No.10&11 on dt.16.03.2023. SL.No.12&13 on dt.17.03.2023. SL.No.14 to 22 on dt.20.03.2023.SL.No.23 TO28 on dt.21.03.2023.SL.No.29to 34 on dt.23.03.2023

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A0254 Principal Chief Materials Manager/ Secunderabad

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General public are hereby notified that my client SRI. N. SRINIVAS, S/o late Narayanachar has lost the original registered sale deed dated 09-01-2007, bearing Doc.No. BLN-1-62102-2006-07, stored in C.D. No. BLND381, Book – I, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru executed by the state government represented by Tahsildar, Bangalore north Taluk, Bengaluru in favour of my parents Sri. Narayanachar S/o late Lakshmana5char and Smt. K. Jayamma W/o Sri. Narayanachar in respect of the site carved out in Sy.No. 4, measuring East to West : 42 feet, North to South: 26 feet, totally measuring to an extent of 1092 Sq.ft, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, while cleaning his home for which the police complaint has also lodged.

Under this circumstance I hereby bringing this to public Notice/Knowledge that if anybody finds the above mentioned Original sale deed dated 09-01-2007 kindly hand over the said document to the below mentioned Advocate within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. By through this public notice I am intimating the public at large that not to make any illegal claim or to enter with any transactions with third parties in respect of above mentioned Original document or the property involved in the document.

SHRIDHAR .P ADVOCATE
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R.C. ROAD, BANGALORE – 560 001
(MOB: NO. 9035538878)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that our client **Smt. N.M. VANI,** W/o.Sri K.C. Krishnamurthy has lost 2 nos original Deeds as follows : 1) Document No.VRT-1-05996/2017-18 dated 6.3.2018, Book-1, CD No. VRTD355 2) Document No.VRT-1-03380/2018-19 dated 11.9.2018, Book-1, CD No. VRTD363, All these above mentioned Deeds are registered at the office of Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar (Varthur) Bangalore, pertaining to property bearing No.292, Ward No.83, BBMP Khata No. 358/292, situated at **Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** if found kindly hand over the same to the undersigned or to our client Smt. N.M. VANI, R/at Kadugodi Plantation, Kadugodi Post, opp. Wipro, Bidarahalli Hobali, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560067. Ph : **8951257428**

VEENA J, Advocate
Bangalore-560067. M : 8105309561

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property being dry agricultural land measuring 20 Guntas out of 1 Acre comprising in New Sy No. 9/5 (Old Sy. No. 9/1) situated at Hunasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru North, which is fully described in the SCHEDULE hereunder and referred as SCHEDULE PROPERTY, from its present owners Sri. Sreekumar Kolasani S/o. Sri. Rangarao Kolasani and Smt. Anitha P. W/o. Sri. Sreekumar Kolasani, residing at Bengaluru, who claims to be the absolute joint owners, having acquired title to the said property by means of an Absolute deed of sale dated 08.02.2012, registered as Document No. JAL-1-04952/2011-12 of Book 1 & stored in CD JALD 122, registered in the office of the Senior Sub-registrar, Gandhinagar (Jala). Hence, if any one claims any valid and legally subsisting /sustainable claim /right over the above said property or objection to its sale, the same may be lodged with the undersigned in writing, within **10 (TEN)** days from the date of this notice along with supporting documents in Originals and it no such claim or objection is received, my party skill proceed to purchase the above said property and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter and such claims / objections will not be binding on the above said property or my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being Dry Agricultural land bearing New Sy. No. 9/5, (Old Sy.No. 9/1) situated at Hunasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru North, measuring 20 Guntas and bounded on East: Sy. No. 9/2 KIADB Property, West: Road, North: Sy. No. 9/6 belonging to Sri Kantharaj & South: Sy. No. 9/10 (portion sold out of Old sy. No. 9/5)

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
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GEM Bid No. GEM/2023/B/3142658
Dated: 16-02-2023

Divisional Railway Manager/Mechanical Branch/Chennai Division Chennai-600003 for and on behalf of the Preident of India invites ONLINE Tenders for the following work as per tender notice given in the GeM portal. **www.gem.gov.in** The tenderer(s)/ contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for Mechanical works in Chennai division, need to get enrolled in the GeM portal **www.gem.gov.in** and online tenders will be accepted.

Description: Contract for "Hiring of lorries for Transportation of bogie sets between BBQ GSN & TBM depots and Shops, and one 10 Ton capacity Lorry for transportation Railway materials at JTJ depot (including all C&W Depots of MAS Division and outstation depots) for a period of 2 years.
Location: Chennai
Advertised tender value in: ₹ 4,37,31,192/-
Earnest Money Deposit in ₹ : 8,74,630/-
Similar nature of work: Applicable
Period of completion in years: 02 years

Tender closing date and time: **10.03.2023 at 20.00 hrs.**
Details of tender, are given in e-portal **www.gem.gov.in** For details bid submission please refer to web portal **www.gem.gov.in**

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No. MT9/4322/2023/2023 **E-TENDER NOTICE** Dated : 17.02.2023
E-Tender No.TNCSC/22-23

Regional Manager, TNCSC, Erode invite online electronic tender for **"Appointment of Transport Contractor Erode region for transportation of paddy, Custom Milled Rice, Coarse grains, Gunnies and stocks related to procurement and Public Distribution System activities"** for the period from **March-2023** to **February-2025.**

Name of the region for which tender called for	TNCSC/ 22-23/ ET.No	Date and time for online submission of filled tender documents	Date and time for opening of e-tender
Erode	69	11.00 AM on 06.03.2023	11.30 AM on 06.03.2023

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc** and also available in **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

For Registration and further details contact **MSTC LIMITED, Phone: 25222842/ 25251910/ 25261005 e-Mail: mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in**

DIPR/1067/TENDER/2023 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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MANIPUR MUNICIPALITY PROPERTY TAX BOARD (MMPTB)
OLD ASSEMBLY COMPLEX, IMPHAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
For
Selection of vendor for GIS based Property Survey in 26 ULBs of Manipur under Manipur Municipality Property Tax Board

NIT No. 8/31/2021/MMPTB Imphal, the 16th February 2023

Manipur Municipality Property Tax Board (MMPTB) invites online e-tender for Selection of vendor for GIS based Property Survey in 26 ULBs of Manipur under Manipur Municipality Property Tax Board.

The RFP document can be downloaded from the website **https://manipurtenders.gov.in.** Bid due date is 10th March 2023 upto 3pm.

Interested bidders shall submit the proposal electronically through the website **https://manipurtenders.gov.in.** Other important / relevant documents should be scanned and enclosed with the proposal as per guidelines given in the RFP document.

Note:
1. MMPTB reserves the right to cancel or modify the bidding process without assigning any reasons and liability, thereof.
2. Further details can be seen on the website **https://manipurtenders.gov.in.**

Sd/-
(M. Nando Singh)
Secretary, MMPTB

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9.8% rise in India's mineral production in December 2022, over the same month a year-ago, according to the mines ministry

How Adani fared against Tata, RIL

Adani Group lags RIL, Tata in net profit, yet valued at par with the two in terms of m-cap

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

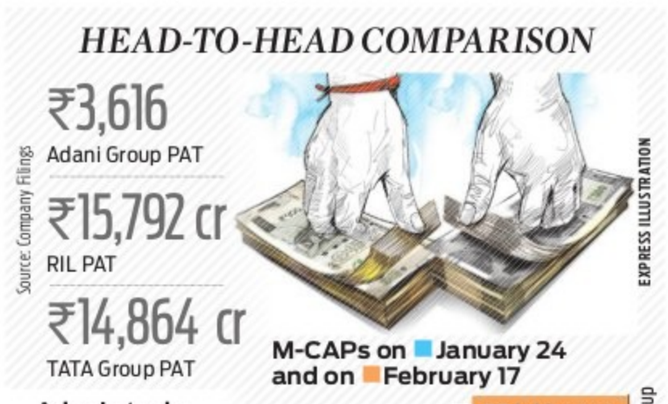
ADANI GROUP'S 10 listed firms delivered a total profit of ₹3,616 crore in the quarter ending December 2022 (Q3FY23). This is a little less than one-fifth of profit after tax (PAT) reported by rival Reliance Industries (RIL) and one-third of PAT reported by Tata Group's biggest firm TCS.

RIL, led by Mukesh Ambani, reported a profit of ₹15,792 crore in Q3FY23 while IT giant TCS' December quarter profit came at ₹10,846 crore. Tata Group's 6 listed firms, whose market capitalization is over ₹50,000 crore, reported a combined net profit of ₹13,622 crore and Tata's 17 listed firms reported a combined net profit of ₹14,864, according to quarterly earnings filed by firms.

Revenue per se, Tata was ahead of RIL and Adani in Q3FY23. Tata Group's top 6 entities reported combined revenue of ₹2.33 lakh crore during the quarter while RIL's consolidated revenue came at ₹2.20 lakh crore. Total revenue of 10-listed Adani firms stood at about ₹74,000 crore during the quarter. The Gautam Adani-promoted Group has net debt of ₹1.96 lakh crore while Mukesh Ambani's RIL net debt was estimated at ₹1.10 lakh crore by the end of December quarter.

Adanis, RIL and Tatas are the biggest conglomerates in terms of market capitalization (m-cap). The three Group's businesses expand from FMCG/retail to power and they are often compared as who is spearheading India's growth story.

While Adani Group's profit is yet to reach the level of RIL or Tata, its m-cap at ₹19.20 lakh crore on January 24 was only next to the Tata Group's (only listed cos) ₹21.74 lakh crore. RIL's m-cap was at ₹16.63 lakh crore on January 24.



However, a crash in Adani stocks following the stinging report by US-based short seller Hindenburg Research wiped out its m-cap by over ₹10 lakh crore, pushing the valuation of its listed entities below ₹9 lakh crore. The rout in Adani stocks is so intense that shares of its firms have plunged up to 75% since the report was published on January 24. Adani Total Gas, Adani Power, Adani Green Energy, Adani Transmission and Adani Enterprises scrips have taken maximum beating.

Hindenburg has accused the Group of stock price manipulation and lapses in corporate governance, among other things. This triggered a few global banks to stop accepting its bonds as collateral while rating agency Moody's downgraded outlook of four Adani firms. The short-seller had said the Group's 7 key listed firms have a 85% downside.

"It is difficult to predict the future trajectory of Adani stocks as they have become sensitive to news flow. Future negative development would lead to more bleeding while solid proof by the Group to deny the allegations may raise confidence among investors," said research head of a Mumbai-based brokerage firm, requesting anonymity.

He added that the Group's fundraising ability, servicing of debts and not compromising on capex plans will be the key factors to watch for. "Currently, it looks difficult for a few Group stocks to reach the pre-January 24 level anytime soon," he said. On comparing Adani with Tata Group and RIL, the analyst noted the two other conglomerates are more stable and have a proven record of corporate governance.

"Adani Group's topline and bottomline have grown at a brisk pace in past few years. However, it will still take a long time for them to reach the ₹15,000 crore - level," he said. Owing to its big size and high debt, the Group is facing increased scrutiny by the stock exchange, capital market regulator and the Supreme Court.

Adani Group, which has denied any wrongdoings, said their businesses have a long-standing track record of setting global performance benchmarks in their respective sectors, be it operational key performance indicators or EBITDA margins.

BOOZY TALES

MORAL DILEMMAS IN A WHISKY COUNTRY

NEWSCOPE
GURBIR SINGH

AS consumers, we in India make our mark in strange areas. Figures recently released by the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) for the consumption and export of their heady genre of alcohol, show India is now the world's largest Scotch whisky consumer by volume. Notching a 60% hike in 2022 imports over the previous year, India has just overtaken France to become the largest market for the Scottish brew having guzzled 219 million cl (700ml) bottles compared to France's 205 million last year.

According to the rules, Scotch whiskey is an alcoholic beverage produced from malted barley in the 140 distilleries in Scotland; and the Scots are very clear about holding on their pedigree: only whisky produced and bottled in Scotland can be called Scotch whisky.

While the single-malt brands like Glemorangie, Glenlivet, Isle of Jura and Laphroaig are finding increasing takers, it is the blended, bottled scotch brands such as Johnnie Walker and Chivas Regal that are the most popular both in India and elsewhere and account for 59% of global exports.

Yet Scotch is only a very small 2% slice of the India's massive 2 billion-cases-a-year whisky market. The problem is high tariffs of 150% imposed by India, lament the Scot exporters. If the UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA) goes through and tariffs are eased, it could generate an additional billion pounds (about Rs 10,000 crore) for Scotland's distilleries.

The Whisky club

The Scots have rightly fixed their sights on India, as it is definitely whisky country. Spirits – particularly whisky and rum – are historically preferred and have strong associations. They are considered 'macho' and are part of the 'fellowship culture' of the army and other defence services. Rum is the traditional, hardy stuff popular among the army ranks, while the British, among their many colonial footprints, left whisky behind as an aspirational drink of the elite.

The 'officers mess' was the club culture of yore where the Brits along with their 'brown' officers unwound and relaxed in the evenings. The whisky 'chota' still livens up 'officers messes' in cantonments around the country, even as it has migrated to the pub culture of new, urban India. Public drinking is still largely taboo but changing family mores and increasing disposable incomes has now spurred alcohol consumption to double digit growth.

This growth is all in the whisky segment. Wine is becoming popular among the urban elite but still accounts for just 3 million consumers and 24 million litres a year. This works out to a per capita consumption of just one bottle a year, compared to 50 bottles for Italy and the US. Maharashtra, has tried to promote grapes in the Nashik and Sangli regions, and even given wineries concessions as 'small scale' industries. But these efforts have failed.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Former Maharashtra's home minister R.R. Patil, who tried to promote grape orchards in Sangli, once told this writer the rustic Maratha had no use for wine as it was too smooth and failed to give 'a kick'!

There is little doubt that India is a 'high spirits' market. It is the third largest in the world after Russia and China, and consumes 5 billion litres of alcohol every year. Yet the base is still narrow as only one in 7 persons consumes liquor; and total consumption – considering only drinkers – is just 4.6 litres a year, lower than the world average of 15.1 litre.

Double-speak policy

Significantly, there has always been government double-speak towards alcohol consumption. Mahatma Gandhi led the temperance movement against alcohol and demanded total prohibition in the country. Some states including Gujarat and Bihar have imposed prohibition, while some like Tamil Nadu introduced it only to withdraw prohibition later.

On the other hand, state governments have been raking in huge excise revenue from alcohol sales. These account as much as 10-15% of the states' own-tax revenue. UP last year generated 21% of its state revenues from liquor sales amounting to around Rs 31,500 crore, while Karnataka came second with Rs 21,950 crore. The 29 states and union territories perhaps cumulatively raise close to Rs 2 lakh crore from liquor sales.

The greed to make money from liquor has driven up the excise rates across the country with serious fall-outs. High tax does not create greater temperance. It drives the poor to spurious liquor with dangerous consequences. The International Spirits and Wine Association of India estimates that around 40% of the five billion liters of alcohol consumed every year in the country is illegally produced. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 6,172 people died between 2016 and 2020 from consuming spurious liquor.

Low taxes and a wider net is always more paying in the long run. We should also learn from the failure of prohibition in Gujarat and Bihar and end moral policing. As consumers, people should be left to decide when and how much they tipple, as long as it is without bounds of decency.

NSE adds Adani Wilmar and Adani Power to indices

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

IN a positive development for Adani Group, India's largest bourse National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) announced to include Adani Wilmar and Adani Power in some of its indices.

Adani Wilmar has been included in Nifty Next 50 and Nifty 100 indices, whereas Adani Power will be part of Nifty 500, Nifty 200, Nifty Midcap 100, Nifty Midcap 150, Nifty LargeMidcap 250, and Nifty MidSmallcap 400 indices. Apart from Adani Wilmar, other firms that will be included in Nifty Next 50 index are ABB India, Canara Bank, Page Industries and Varun Beverages. Bandhan Bank, Biocon, Gland Pharma, MphasiS and One 97 Communications would be dropped from Nifty Next 50 index. "The Index Maintenance Sub-Committee (Equity) of NSE Indices Limited has decided to make replacement of stocks in various indices as part of its periodic review," said NSE in a late-night statement on Friday.

The Nifty Next 50 Index represents 50 companies from the Nifty 100 after excluding the Nifty 50 companies. No changes have been made to the Nifty 50, Nifty Bank, and Nifty IT indices.

EXPRESS READ

OLA to set up electric vehicle Hub in TN

CHENNAI: Electric vehicle maker Ola Electric would set up an EV Hub in Tamil Nadu that would house advanced cell and EV manufacturing facilities, vendor and supplier parks among others, the company said on Saturday. The electric vehicle Hub would become one of the largest ancillary ecosystems for electric vehicles at a single location, the company said. *PTI*

Govt allows sale of excess tobacco

NEW DELHI: The government on Saturday said it has allowed sale of excess tobacco produced by registered growers on auction platforms for crop season 2022-23. It has permitted sale of unauthorized tobacco produced by unregistered growers without any penalty on the platforms in Karnataka for this season. In Karnataka, during this season, 40,207 farmers cultivated FCV tobacco in 60,782 hectares. *PTI*

Future Ent defaults on ₹12.75 cr NCD interest dues

NEW DELHI: Debt-ridden Future Enterprises Ltd (FEL) has defaulted on the payment of interest of ₹12.75 crore on two non-convertible debentures (NCDs). The due date for payment was February 16, 2023, FEL said in a regulatory filing. "The company is unable to service its obligations in respect of the interest on Non-Convertible Debentures was due on February 16, 2023," it said. The debentures have a coupon rate of 9.6% for both series. FEL had recently defaulted on payment of interest on several non-convertible debentures. *PTI*

GST Council lays down road map for appellate tribunal

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE GST Council in its 49th meeting accepted the Group of Ministers' (GoM) recommendations on long pending constitution of GST appellate tribunal in the country with some modifications, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

The GoM has recommended one tribunal with the principal bench in Delhi and as many other benches to be located in the states depending on the business density there. While the FM didn't say anything about the timing of tribunal establishment in the country, a top official said it would likely be implemented by December.

"GoM has recommended one technical member on a 50:50 basis from the state and the centre, plus one judicial member. The modification was suggested that it should be two plus two. However, the decision making will be only with at most one plus one or less than one, so all the four won't sit. So this will allow both the states and centre to have a representative on the technical side and the equal representation for the judicial member. So these were the main recommendations, with small modification which has been accepted," Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra said while briefing the media.

Changes in GST rates

Goods	From	To
Rab (a kind of jaggery)	18%	5% (if sold prepackaged and labelled); Nil - if sold otherwise
Pencil Sharpener	18%	12%

Sitharaman said the states will have a number of benches depending upon the density of businesses, though the GST council will approve it. "No interest of the state will suffer in terms of location, number of representations and the benches," she stated. In addition, in a bid to plug the leakages and improve the revenue collection from the commodities like pan masala, gutkha, chewing tobacco, the Council approved the recommendations of the GoM.

GST Council to clear ₹17K cr compensation due to states

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE GST Council, in its 49th meeting on Saturday decided to clear the compensation dues of states till June 2022, except for instances where mandatory AG (Accountant General) certificates have not been submitted.

The Council has decided to transfer the states ₹16,982 crore pending GST compensation for June 2022. Addressing the media after the GST Council meeting, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said though there is no amount in the GST compensation Fund, the Centre has decided to release this amount from its own resources and the same would be recouped from the future compensation cess collection. The Centre is liable to pay GST compensation to states only till June 2022. The Cess would be collected to recover the compensation paid to states till June 2022 over and above the collection of Cess during the period. The Council on Saturday decided that the Centre would clear the admissible final GST compensation of ₹16,524 crore to six states, which have provided revenue figures as certified by Accountant Generals of the states.

GRSE performance review of Q3 & 9 months of financial year 2022-23

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) has reported profit after tax (PAT) at ₹64 crore for the third quarter of financial year 2022-23 (Q3FY23). Total income increased by ₹219 crore as compared to corresponding previous quarter. The company's revenue from operation stood at ₹699 crore in Q3FY23 as against ₹487 crore during Q3FY22, registering a growth of 44%. Its PAT stood at ₹173 crore for the nine months (9M) of FY23 ending December 31, 2022, as against ₹142 crore in 9M of FY22, with an increase of 22%.

Business & Beyond

GSL signs 10 MOU with leading public/ private companies

AEROINDIA 2023 Highlights : GSL signs 10 MOUs with leading Public/Private firms Showcasing India's growth in indigenous aerospace and defence capabilities, the biggest-ever show Aero-India 2023 was organized by Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence from 13-17 Feb 2023 at Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the five-day event, which saw participation of 811 exhibitors and unprecedented participation of 98 countries, Defence Ministers of 32 Countries & CEOs of 73 global and Indian Defence Manufacturers.

Uco Bank observes 'Digital Payment Utsav' in association with MeitY

UCO Bank has participated in "Digital Payment Utsav: Digital Payment Se PragatiKoGati" an initiative byMinistry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) at New Delhi on 9th February 2023 to increase the awareness and accelerate the adoption of Digital Payments in the country.

BOB Organized All India Hindi Seminar

Bhubaneswar: Bank of Baroda organized All India Hindi Seminar on 'Digital Loan' for Public Sector Banks, Insurance Companies and other Financial Institutions at Amritsar, Punjab. Official language Head Sanjay Singh said that the bank has been organizing this type of seminars for 9 years, in which staff members of banks, financial institutions and insurance companies are participating. Satpal Mehra, Regional head, Amritsar Region, BOB and Ashok Kumar, Deputy Regional Head were present on this occasion.

Vedanta Aluminium introduces Robotic Process Automation in commercial function

NEW DELHI: Vedanta Aluminium, the country's largest producer of aluminium, has introduced Robotic Process Automation (RPA) in its Commercial function, becoming the first within India's metal & mining industry to undertake hyper automation of the entire Commercial process. With multiple, large-scale plant operations, a vast customer footprint and an extensive supplier network, Vedanta Aluminium's commercial function is a strategic function that holds significant potential to unlock value for the company.

Qatar sheikh, Brit billionaire make Man United bid

A consortium led by a Qatari banker is leading the chase to buy Manchester United, with British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe joining the race after confirming his bid for the Premier League club on Saturday. Sheikh Jassim Bin Hamad Al Thani confirmed his submission of a bid for "100 per cent of Manchester United Football Club" ahead of Friday's "soft" deadline for offers.

LOWER-ORDER ON A HIGHER PLANE

Axar & Ashwin add 114 runs for the eighth wicket to help India end one run short of Australia's first innings total

FIROZ MIRZA @ New Delhi

INDIA were tottering at 139/7 when Ravichandran Ashwin joined Axar Patel in the middle on Day 2 of the second Test against Australia at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi on Saturday. The visitors were in firm control and needed just three good deliveries to walk away with first innings honours and probably the match as well.

The deficit at that moment, to be precise 124 runs, is a margin big enough especially on the subcontinent pitches, where batting in the fourth innings becomes extremely difficult. But what transpired next not only saw Australia losing their grip over the contest but also highlighted the fact how India's lower-order batters have been bailing them out of precarious positions more often than not especially in the last two years.

The duo of Axar (74) and Ashwin (37) batted for 177 legal deliveries, forging together a 114-run eighth wicket partnership to take the team closer to Australia's first innings total of 261. In the end, India fell short by the thinnest of margin, 1 run. It was India's 13th partnership of 50 or more for the seventh wicket or below in home Tests since the start of 2021. What's more heartening for the team is that five among them have gone beyond the century mark like Saturday. During this period, no other team has had as many half-century stands at home as India. England and Pakistan are second on the list with eight such partnerships each.

Speaking about India's lower-order batters' contributing generously to make life difficult for bowlers from the opposite camps, Australia's premier off-spinner said, "I will not say they are lower-order batters. I will say India has a long top-order."

This trend has paved the way for India to dominate in Test cricket at home since the start of 2021. Ever since they lost their last Test on Indian soil in February 2021 against England, the hosts have won seven and drew one against New Zealand out of eight matches they had played till Nagpur Test of the ongoing series.

If one talks about performances of these bowling all-rounders during this period including first innings of the ongoing match, they have scored valuable runs in matches they have featured in to help their team extend its home dominance. Ashwin has scored 406 runs including a century and a half-century with an average of 29. Ravindra Jadeja, who missed out on action for almost five months before returning to competitive cricket with the Australia series, has made 347 runs at an average of 57.83. In this period he has slammed 175 not out, his highest in the format, and two fifties. Ever since his debut, Axar too has been performing consistently with the willow scoring 355 runs including three half-centuries at an average of 35.50. What makes their show remarkable is the fact that their batting averages are even better than India's top guns like Virat Kohli (26.53), Cheteshwar Pujara (19.58) and KL Rahul (18.50) in the given period.

"Pressure was on us, we were trailing so it was necessary to get as close to their total as possible," Axar said. "Then me and Ashwin forged a partnership. The only thought was to get closer to Australia's total. It was good we managed to do that."

The 29-year-old from Gujarat also said that being a bowler helps him and other Indian lower-order batters to contribute with the bat. " We all are spinners (me, Ashwin and Jadeja), so we know a spinner's mentality. We know how to force a tweaker to change his line and length and we usually do that. So I think, being a spinner helps a lot especially while batting against them."

Pat Cummins led side, however, negated the effort put in by the Indian duo to some extent. They batted aggressively in their second essay to finish the day on 61/1 after 12 overs.

Axar Patel (R) hugs R Ashwin after scoring a half-century on Saturday | PTI

Australia (1st Innings): 263; **India (1st Innings):** R Sharma b Lyon 32, KL Rahul lbw Lyon 17, C Pujara lbw Lyon 0, V Kohli lbw Kuhnemann 44, S Iyer c Handscomb b Lyon 4, R Jadeja lbw Murphy 26, S Bharat c Smith b Lyon 6, A Patel c Cummins b Murphy 74, R Ashwin c Renshaw b Cummins 37, Mohd Shami b Kuhnemann 2, Mohd Siraj n.o 1; **Extras:** (8b, 11lb) 19; **Total:** (in 83.3 overs) 262; **FoW:** 1-46, 2-53, 3-54, 4-66, 5-125, 6-135, 7-139, 8-253, 9-259, 10-262; **Bowling:** Pat Cummins 13-2-41-1, Mat Kuhnemann 21.3-4-72-2, N Lyon 29-5-67-5, T Murphy 18-2-53-2, T Head 2-0-10-0. **Australia (2nd Innings):** U Khawaja c Iyer b Jadeja 6, Travis Head batting 39, M Labuschagne batting 16; **Extras:** 0; **Total:** (for 1wkt) 61; FoW: 1-23; **Bowling:** R Ashwin 6-1-26-0, Mohd Shami 2-0-10-0, R Jadeja 3-0-23-1, Axar Patel 1-0-2-0.

Lyon of fire: Oz spinner joins rare 100-wkt club

FIROZ MIRZA @ New Delhi

SINCE the time India started playing Tests (1932), only one spinner had managed to reach the 100-wicket milestone against them. On Saturday, another tweaker entered the club to give the Sri Lankan legend Muttiah Muralitharan company. Nathan Lyon. He ran through the home side's batting line-up, dismissing five of their top seven including four during the first session of play to complete his 22nd career five-wicket haul and second in as many Tests at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi.

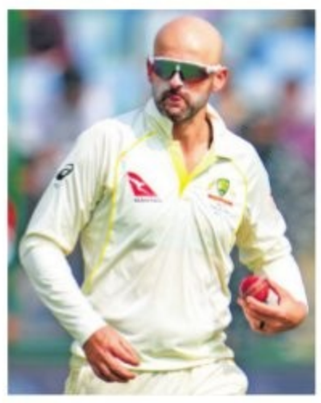
The achievement could well be added as yet another chapter to his glorious career, which witnessed him becoming Australia's primary spin weapon from being a curator at Adelaide Oval. Muralitharan had claimed 105 Indian wickets in 22 matches including seven five-fers and two 10-wicket hauls. The new entrant to the elite club, Lyon, meanwhile, achieved the feat in 24 matches by claiming eight five-fers and one 10-wicket haul.

Lyon was introduced into the attack after India had moved along to 43 without the loss of a wicket after 15 overs.

Replacing debutant Matthew Kuhnemann, Lyon's first delivery from around the wicket turned sharply towards Indian skipper Rohit Sharma, who somehow managed to play it.

Even as Rohit managed to survive, his opening partner KL Rahul couldn't as he was trapped leg before in Lyon's next over. The over almost produced the wicket of Cheteshwar Pujara but the visitors decided not to review an LBW decision of the on-field umpire as they had already wasted two reviews inside 30 minutes of the play in the morning.

In the end, it didn't matter much as the 35-year-old bowler came up with two special deliveries in his third over of the day to get rid of the dangerous-looking Rohit and Pujara. The ball to Rohit turned in just from outside the off-stump while remaining low before castling the batter. Two balls later, it was Pujara, who once again was hit on pad but this time Pat Cummins and Co didn't hesitate to review and successfully got the not out call overturned.



Nathan Lyon picked up five wickets on Day 2 & became second spinner to claim 100 wickets against India | AP

With three wickets in 10 balls, Lyon pushed the Indian batters on the back foot. However, it was Peter Handscomb who made his fourth wicket possible by holding on to a difficult catch of Shreyas Iyer at short leg before juggling the ball a few times. Courtesy the spell, India were reduced to 88/4 after 35 overs at lunch with Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja unbeaten on 14 and 15 runs respectively.

As the play resumed, Kohli and Jadeja played with caution to take their team beyond the 100-run mark. However, right-arm off-break bowler Todd Murphy claimed Jadeja's wicket. Kohli then became debutant Matthew Kuhnemann's first victim although the LBW dismissal raised a few eyebrows with even the Indian batter not looking happy once his review was turned down.

Soon after wicketkeeper-batter Srikar Bharat tried to sweep Lyon but the ball touched his gloves before ballooning towards Steven Smith who was stationed at the first slip. The former Australian skipper just had to run a few steps to ensure his teammate bagged his eighth five-fer against India.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Eye on upbeat Islanders

A LOT WILL RIDE ON SRI LANKA VS NEW ZEALAND CLASH FOR THE WORLD CUP ON THE DOUBLE-HEADER SUNDAY. A LOOK...

WINDIES SEEK TO FINISH ON A HIGH

They have had a tournament to forget. But Hayley Matthews scoring runs was a big positive in the previous game. And the skipper would be keen to step up once again to sign off with a win in their last match.

SL'S CHANCE TO MAKE HISTORY

They have been brimming with confidence since they got here in South Africa and have delivered on the field as well. A win here would all but ensure their qualification for the knockouts for the first time ever in a T20 World Cup.

CAN NZ SPOIL CHAMARI'S PARTY

Despite the mathematical possibility, White Ferns are all but out of the event. They would want to bow out with a win against Sri Lanka on Sunday. More than them, the hosts will be hoping for a New Zealand victory to keep their campaign alive.

TODAY'S MATCHES: Pakistan vs West Indies, 6.30 PM | New Zealand vs SSri Lanka, 10.30 PM

WINDIES THRASH IRELAND: CAPE TOWN: Hayley Matthews found some form and took the attack to Ireland as West Indies registered their first win of the tournament. **Brief scores:** Ireland 137/9 in 20 ovs (Prendergast 61, Connell 3/24) lost to West Indies 140/4 in 19.5 ovs (Hayley 66).

INDIA HAVE INDOOR FUN

As some of the India batters hit the nets at St. George's Stadium in Gqeberha on Friday, S Meghana and Sneh Rana, who are in reserves, took turns to ensure the media were not hit. After all it was a small indoor facility. There were some close calls though, but the duo's timely alerts saved some from injuries. Funnily, when they batted next, there was even more chance of an injury happening as they smashed the white leather. Amidst all the serious training, there were some juggling of balls, games of one-tip, one-touch where if a ball is hit out of a square area directly the batter was out.

Renuka sparkles with ball but India fall short

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Express @ Women's T20 World Cup
GQEBERHA

IN the lead-up to the 2023 T20 World Cup, off the 19 wickets Renuka Singh Thakur had taken in her short T20I career, 16 had come in the powerplay. She was the new ball wicket-taker. That was the reputation she had built over the past 12 months. Despite the struggles on surfaces that did not have much assistance, she was India's first-choice seamer.

When they wanted to play only two seamers, they had preferred her since the start of the World Cup with Pooja Vastrakar for company. However, in the first couple of games played in Cape Town, Renuka did not get much help from the surface and had just one wicket to show. However, unlike the home series against Australia, the 27-year-old ensured that she did not give away much either. 0/24 & 1/22. How did she do that? She had stuck to her basics as her coach Pawan Sen had told her, kept the lines and lengths right.

Coming into the game against England, with overnight rain and the pitch having something for the fast bowlers, India opted to play three pacers with Shikha Pandey playing her first match of the tournament. Having not made a mark on surfaces that weren't helping, it was the moment Renuka was waiting for. And she was the one who started the proceedings for India with the wind blowing in her favour —literally, from her left to right. She started the first over with her typical wide off the crease, angled in delivery, trapping Sophia Dunkley on the pads. Straight away they went for an appeal, but it was going down. The next ball was a single. On the third, Danni Wyatt, looking for the angled-in delivery, played inside the line of the ball, but Renuka kept it straight as the ball held its line, took the edge, and flew past Richa Ghosh before the teenager plucked a one-handed stunner.

The new batter, Alice Capsey, immediately walked down to address, but soon enough Ghosh came to the stumps. In her next over, Renuka stuck to the plan, and went wide off the crease, trying to swing it in. Not wanting to leave the crease, Capsey was too early into the shot and lost her stumps. 14 balls later, cut-copy-paste of what had happened with a typical backing-away Dunkley; Renuka had three wickets to show in the powerplay and England were 29/3.

Renuka Singh's five-wicket haul (5-15) went in vain on Saturday | AFP

But that was that. Skipper Heather Knight and Natalie Sciver-Brunt took charge from thereon as they maneuvered the spinners while playing out the pacers, whom India did not bowl much in the death; only one over of pace in the last five overs. Considering Natalie (52) and Amy Jones (40 off 27) went after the spinners in the last few overs, it meant England made 151/7, but not before Renuka took a couple more wickets in the last over, finishing with 5/15 —.best figures by an Indian, man or woman, in T20 World Cups. Despite the quick start in the chase — Smriti Mandhana scored a fifty, Ghosh gave England a scare — it was a bit too much for India as they fell short by 11 runs.

Brief scores: England 151/7 in 20 ovs (Natalie 50, Jones 40, Renuka 5/15) **bt** India 140/5 in 20 ovs (Mandhana 52, Ghosh 47 n.o; Glenn 2/27).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Positive but work-in-progress: Somdev on Nagal

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

AFTER Sumit Nagal's semifinal loss at the ongoing Chennai Open on Saturday, Somdev Devvarman and he went for a small walk around SDAT tennis courts. In earlier rounds, the conversation during these walks was a two-way street. Not after Nagal's loss to US' Nicolas Moreno de Alboran.

Devvarman, who is coaching the Indian, made most of the talking. And Nagal seemed to absorb everything like a sponge. It revolved around Devvarman asking Nagal to stay focussed on the kind of identity he wants to show on the court. "It never really comes down to one thing," the former World No 62 told mediapersons after the match. "Could we have done better in the break point on the opening game? Have to stay focussed on his identity, how he wants to be on the court and to figure what his limits are." These are the kind of conversations the 38-year-old had.

Sumit Nagal in action against Nicolas De Alboran on Saturday | P JAWAHAR

While Devvarman termed the week 'very positive' for Nagal — who began the week outside the top 500 before finishing it just outside the top 400 — he called it a 'work in progress'. "This has been a very positive week for him but there's still lots of scope for improvement."

He also said Nagal had chances to win the semifinal. "Of course, he had a chance today," he said. 'When you play a high-quality match and lose serve three times in one set, it's not good enough but he did break serve twice and usually breaking serve twice is good enough to win a set. You can analyse a match in many different ways. Did he have a chance? Yes."

He did have a few moments in both sets but the Indian ultimately failed to win many of the crucial points. The end result was a 4-6, 2-6 loss. The 25-year-old, who last reached a semifinal at this level in September 2021 (Sibui, Romania), will be the first to agree with that assessment. For starters, he believes his potential is that of a top 60 player. In 2019, Nagal started wearing a chain which had 'Project 61' inscribed on it. It had to do with a simple fact: no Indian men's singles player has been ranked as high as that this side of 2000.

Results (semifinals): M Purcell bt D Sweeny 6-4, 7-6 (3), De Alboran bt Nagal 6-4, 6-2. **Doubles final:** J Clarke/ A Kadhe bt S Ofner/ N Serdarusic 6-0, 6-4.

EXPRESS READ

F1 stars warned time, place for free speech

PARIS: Lewis Hamilton and his fellow F1 drivers were told on Friday they can still speak out on controversial issues — as long as they choose the right time and place. The FIA clarified its directive over a clampdown to prevent "political, religious or personal" comments without prior approval. The FIA said drivers will be able to "express their opinions on any political, religious or personal question" in "their own space and outside the framework of competition".

Bronze for shuttlers in continental event

DUBAI: Indian shuttlers bagged a bronze medal in the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship after losing 2-3 to China in the semifinals. The Indians lost both their singles tie (PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy) before mounting a fightback. In the mixed doubles tie, the combination of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crastro lost 17-21, 13-21 to Jiang Zhen Bang and Wei Ya Xin, thereby just missing out on chance to play in the finals.

England inch closer to victory over Kiwis

MOUNT MAUNGANUI (NEW ZEALAND): Stuart Broad razed New Zealand's top order with a destructive opening spell on Saturday to put England on the verge of winning the first Test at Mount Maunganui. Broad claimed four wickets under lights — all clean bowled — to reduce the Black Caps' second innings to 63-5 at stumps on day three, with hopes of reaching their winning target of 394 all but extinguished.

Arsenal regain EPL top spot as City stumble

AFP @ London

ARSENAL regained pole position in the Premier League title race on Saturday as the Gunners fought back for a thrilling 4-2 victory at Aston Villa, while Manchester City were held to a damaging 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest. Just three days after surrendering first place with a 3-1 defeat against City, Arsenal bounced back in impressive style to move two points clear of the champions.

With just minutes left at Villa Park, Mikel Arteta's side were in danger of slipping up again in their bid to win the title for the first time since 2004.

Arsenal twice trailed to goals from Ollie Watkins and Philippe Coutinho, only for Bukayo Saka and then Oleksandr Zinchenko to haul them level.

Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli celebrates team's third goal vs Aston Villa | AFP

Deep into second half stoppage-time, Arsenal received a helping hand from their former keeper as Emiliano Martinez inadvertantly deflected Jorginho's shot into his own net after it hit the bar. Gabriel Martinelli capped Arsenal's remarkable escape when he tapped into the empty net in the final seconds after Martinez was caught upfield at a Villa corner.

The Gunners, who have a game in hand on Man City, were given a massive boost by their title rivals' stumble just hours later. Bernardo Silva put Pep Guardiola's men ahead four minutes before half-time, taking Jack Grealish's pass in his stride and drilling a clinical finish past Keylor Navas from 20 yards.

Forest made the champions pay with their first shot on target in the 84th minute.

Morgan Gibbs-White fired a low ball across the area and New Zealand striker Chris Wood tapped into an empty net to leave Guardiola stunned. Everton moved out of the relegation zone with a valuable 1-0 win against fellow strugglers Leeds at Goodison Park.

Results: Aston Villa **2-4** Arsenal; Brentford **1-1** Palace; Brighton **0-1** Fulham; Chelsea **0-1** Southampton; Everton **1-0** Leeds; N Forest **1-1** Man City; Wolves **0-1** Bournemouth.

Ranji final: Saurashtra in firm control vs Bengal

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

SAURASHTRA look poised to lift their second Ranji Trophy after skipper Jaydev Unadkat and Chetan Sakariya grabbed two wickets each to leave hosts Bengal struggling at 169 for four in their second innings on day three of the final at the Eden Gardens on Saturday.

While Bengal skipper Manoj Tiwary remained unbeaten on 57, the hosts are still 61 runs short of Saurashtra's first-innings total of 404, and with both Saurashtra left-arm pace bowlers breathing fire, Unadkat's side could well wrap up the game on Sunday. Bengal's pace-heavy attack looked ineffective in the morning as Saurashtra, continuing from where they had left on Friday evening — 317/5 — added 87 more runs to take their score past 400. Though overnight batters Arpit Vasavada (81) and Chirag Jani (60) perished quickly, tail-enders Prerak Mankad (33) and Dharmendrasinh Jadeja (29) gave Saurashtra the winning edge. To add to Bengal's woes, they gave away 35 extras.

Brief scores: Bengal: 174 & 169/4 (Majumdar 61, Tiwary 57 batting) vs Saurashtra 404 (Vasavada 81, Chirag Jani 60).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), the Ministry Of Road Transport And Highways, Central Government vide Notification Dated: 02.02.2023 declared the intention to acquire the land for building of National Highway No. 150E in the stretch of land from Km 35.935 to Km 72.920 (Kalaburagi-Chowdapura-Afzalpur-Maharashtra/Karnataka Border Section) in the district of Kalaburgi in the state of Karnataka. The same is here with Published for Public Notice as per the sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act.

It is also informed not to carry out Purchase or Sale, Amortization, Any other documentation and Any Development works in respect of Lands notified under the Schedule of the afore said notification.

Sd/- Assistant Commissioner and Special Land Acquisition Officer,
(National Highway Zone Kalaburagi), Kalaburagi Sub-division, Kalaburagi

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION

NewDelhi,the 2nd February,2023

S.O. 519(E).— In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH150E in the stretch of land from Km. 35.935 to Km.72.920 (Kalaburagi-Chowdapura-Afzalpur-maharashtra border section) in the district of Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Assistant Commissioner, Kalaburgi in writing and shall set out the grounds there of and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 35.935 to Km. 72.920 (Kalaburagi-Chowdapura-Afzalpur-Maharashtra border section) of NH150E in the state of KARNATAKA.

State:KARNATAKA District:Kalaburgi (Gulbarga)

S. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Afzalpur					
Village: Afzalpur					
1	257	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.9603000(Hectare)	0.9603000
2	269	Private	Agricultural/ Dry	1.1677000(Hectare)	1.1677000
3	290	Private	Agricultural/Wet	0.9824000(Hectare)	0.9824000
4	291	Private	Agricultural/Wet	0.4545000(Hectare)	0.4545000
5	294	Private	Agricultural/Dry	1.2291000(Hectare)	1.2291000
6	295	Common (Private / Government)	Agricultural/ Wet/Dry	0.4783000(Hectare)	0.4783000
7	374	Private	Agricultural/ Dry	1.3831000(Hectare)	1.3831000
8	375	Common (Private / Government)	Agricultural/Wet/Dry	0.2869000(Hectare)	0.2869000
9	380	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.6813000(Hectare)	0.6813000
10	381	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.7099000(Hectare)	0.7099000
11	382	Private	Agricultural/Wet	0.0748000(Hectare)	0.0748000
12	389	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.0127000(Hectare)	0.0127000
13	Nala	Government	Agricultural/Dry	0.0410000(Hectare)	0.0410000
14	Road	Government	Agricultural/Dry	0.0245000(Hectare)	0.0245000
15	Road	Government	Agricultural/Dry	0.0816000(Hectare)	0.0816000
Village:Ballurgi					
1	10	Private	Agricultural/Dry	1.0922000(Hectare)	1.0922000
2	129	Private	Agricultural/Dry	1.7449000(Hectaare)	1.7449000
3	130	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.0268000(Hectare)	0.0268000
4	135	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.1216000(Hectare)	0.1216000
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18	9	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.8178000(Hectare)	0.8178000
19	Nala	Government	Agricultural/Dry	0.4164000(Hectare)	0.4164000
20	Road	Government	Agricultural/Dry	0.3027000(Hectare)	0.3027000
21	Road	Government	Agricultural/Dry	0.2384000(Hectare)	0.2384000
Village:Chowdapura					
1	12	Common (Private / Government)	Agricultural/Dry	0.0022000(Hectare)	0.0022000
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5	19	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.6380000(Hectare)	0.6380000
6	20	Private	Agricultural/Dry	0.5050000(Hectare)	0.5050000
7	23	Private	Agricultural/Wet	0.0686000(Hectare)	0.0686000
8	24	Common (Private / Government)	Agricultural/Wet/Dry	1.9535000(Hectare)	1.9535000
9	25	Common (Private / Government)	Agricultural/Dry	0.7118000(Hectare)	0.7118000
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ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–3 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ (e-Procurement) ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ **ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ:– 2216–07–053–0–01–200** ಅಡಿಯ ಒಟ್ಟು **01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, ಹಾಗೂ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ:– 2059–80–053–4–00–200 ಅಡಿಯ ಒಟ್ಟು 01** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

WORK_INDENT NO., 164571, 165067 ಒಟ್ಟು = 02

(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ–ಸಂದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23/02/2023** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **24/02/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27/02/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ) (4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **28/02/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka,gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/1117/2022–23

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION
E-Tender Notice No.E/CN/ERS/TN/07/2022-23 Dated: 16.02.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction-682016 invites E-Tenders for the work mentioned below as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security should be paid through online payment gateway available on the website by the way of multiple banks net banking, debit and credit card.

Item No 1; Tender No. E.320-CN-ERS-OT-OHE-43-R
Name of work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Traction overhead equipment including modifications to the existing overhead equipment in connection with proposed division and Re-grading of existing track with 25 kV A.C. supply between Nagercoil Junction (excl) - Kanniyakumari (incl), Profiling/ Modification work on existing Over Head Equipments at proposed/Re-constructed Road Over Bridges, between Eraniel and Kannyakumari section in connection with doubling of track between Thiruvananthapuram - Kanniyakumari section of Thiruvananthapuram Division of Southern Railway
Approx. Cash value in Lakhs: ₹ 460.09 **Bid Security** ₹ 3,80,100.00
Date of Opening of tender: 10.03.2023 at 12.00 hrs Completion period in months: 12 months

Item No 2; Tender No. E.320-CN-ERS-OT-OHE-44
Name of work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Traction overhead equipment including modifications to the existing overhead equipment with 25 kV A.C. supply at Nemam, Neyyattinkara, Parassala, Kulitturai and Palliyadi. Re-grading of Over Head Equipment in connection with diversion of track, in connection with doubling of track between Thiruvananthapuram - Kanniyakumari section of Thiruvananthapuram Division of Southern Railway
Approx Cash value in Lakhs: ₹ 597.14 **Bid Security in** ₹ 4,48,600.00
Date of Opening of tender: 10.03.2023 at 12.00 hrs Completion period in months: 12 months

Item No 3; Tender No. E.320-CN-ERS-OT-OHE-45
Name of work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Sub Sectioning Post and Modification of Existing Over Head Equipment with 25 kV A.C. supply at Virani Alur Station/Yard and Shifting of PTFE neutral section at Traction Sub-Station, Eraniel in connection with doubling of track between Thiruvananthapuram - Kanniyakumari (via Nagercoil Jn) section in Trivandrum Division of Southern Railway
Approx Cash value in Lakhs: ₹ 352.45 **Bid Security in** ₹ 3,26,200.00
Date of Opening of tender: 10.03.2023 at 12.00 hrs Completion period in months: 12 months

Item No 4; Tender No. E.572/CN/ERS/WC/OT/582
Name of work: TVC-CAPE Doubling-Provision for GI bonding in Eraniel-Kaniyakumari section, Re-wiring of OHE Store building at Ernakulam Marshalling yard, Electrification of Limited Use Subway in Ampalapuzha - Haripad section and Provision for 25 kV/230V LT Supply transformer in Nagercoil Town-Kaniyakumari section.
Approx Cash value in Lakhs: ₹ 136.87 **Bid Security in** ₹ 2,18,400.00
Date of Opening of tender: 10.03.2023 at 12.00 hrs Completion period in months: 12 months

Tenderers can submit Bid security in the form of bank guarantee also.
For further details visit internet site **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact office of Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway Ernakulam Junction-682016

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Ernakulam Junction

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI.

www.midnglb@rediffmail.com. PHONE : 08472 -220196

IFT No. EE/MI & GWD D/KAL/PB-3/2022-23/4820 DATED : 16-02-2023

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-1, 2 & 3) :-

1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR S.C.P, 2702 AME, 4711 F.C.P. & 4702 – L.I.S. WORKS. 2) Amount of Estimate : **Min. Rs. 8,56,343.47 Max. Rs. 50,84,636.66,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & above, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount : Tender Fee As Per e-Portal E.M.D. Min. Rs. 21,200.00 Max. Rs. 1,02,000.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **23-02-2023 Up to 11.00 Hours,** 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **24-02-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **27-02-2023 up to 11.00 Hours,** 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **28-02-2023 Up to 11.00 Hours,** 9) Addl. Information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation &
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1317/MC&A/2022-23 **Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the immovable property more particularly described in the Schedule written hereunder and referred to as '**Schedule Property**' from its present owner Mr. Sanjeev Shakhapur, residing at Esteem Northwood, RCG, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560 064 (hereinafter referred to as 'Owner'), who has represented to our client that he is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity/ies, company/ies, firm/s, institution/s has/ have claims any right, title, interest, pending litigation, tenancy,mortgage, charge, lien or demand and/or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of the such claim **within 15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this notice, failing which , it shall be deemed that the owner has clear and marketable title to the schedule property and that no one else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the schedule property and our client would be at liberty to proceed with intended transaction of acquisition of the schedule property. Any objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No. 636, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 7th Block, formed by Bangalore Development Authority, measuring east to west-15.00 meter and north to south – 24 meter, totally measuring 360.00 sq. mts. and bounded as follows: **East by :** Site bearing No. 637. **West by:** Site bearing No. 635. **North by :** Road. **South by:** Site bearing No. 606.

Poornachandra B.Pattar, Partner
M/s. Spectrum Legal
No. 101, 1st Floor, 30/A. Promenade Road
Next to Punjab National Bank,
Bengaluru-560005. Ph : 080-48508728

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client has negotiated the purchase of the Immovable Property more-fully described in the Schedule hereunder "Schedule Property" from its present owners **(1) Sri M.MURALIDHAR KAMATH,** son of Late M.Achuth Kamath & **(2) Smt SANDHYA M KAMATH, wife of M.Muralidhar Kamath,** both residing at "Srimatha", Behind Anantha Shayana Temple, Court Road, Karkala-574 104.

If any Person/s, Bank/Society/Firm or anybody having any right, title, interest or claims over the below-mentioned property, may lodge his/her/their objections/claims, if any, in writing with authenticated documentary evidence, to the undersigned within TEN DAYS from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, failing which it shall be construed by our client that there are no claims/objections of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property and the intended transaction will be finalized by our client as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned and our client will go ahead with the intended sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY- FLAT

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Flat No.101 on the First Floor (Bifurcated Khatha No.153/2-8), PID No.7-28-153/2-8, multistoried residential building known as "PRAJWAL MANSION", constructed on the property bearing Municipal No.153/2 and 153/2-1, situated at 8th Main Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore, BBMP Ward 7, consisting of Hall cum Dining, bedrooms, toilets, balconies, bathroom, etc., along with common passage leading to the main road and free from egress and ingress at all times and entitled for all the common areas and amenities with a super built up area of 1000 Sft, together with 6% share of undivided interest in the land equivalent to 163.2 Sft, along with One Car parking space in the Basement. The Flat is of RCC Roofing, mosaic flooring, jungle wood doors and steel windows and the composite property is bounded on :

East by : 7th Main Road
West by : Kasthuri Dhama Apartment built on No.153
North by : House bearing Municipal No.153/4
South by : 9th Cross Road

G.SREENIVAS
Kamath and Kamath,
Advocates & Tax Consultants
132, Fifth Floor, 8th Main, 15th Cross
Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 055.
Date : 19.02.2023

Government of Karnataka
(Department of Panchayat Raj Engineering)
Office of the Executive Engineer
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Vijayapura.

Tel.No. 08352-277816, Fax No. 08352-277817,
E-Mail:zpebjp9@yahoo.co.in

NO:EE/PRED/VJP/E-Proc/2022-23 Dated: 16.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System)

Tender called for the work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below. Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-3 through electronic Tendering system (e-tender from Class -1 Contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD/PRED/ who have got adequate financial resources, state of technology, suitable construction equipments technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below.

1. Package-1 : (1) Improvements to Road from Domanal to Galave Vasti Road in Vijayapur taluka Rs 50.00 lakhs (2) Improvements to Road from Ankalagi to Kadaki Tanda Road in Vijayapur taluka Rs 50.00 lakhs TOTAL Rs 100.00 lakhs Rs 100.00 lakhs (KW-3)

2. Package-2 : (1) Improvements to Road from Chadachan Border to Jirankalagi Sonnalgi Road in Chadachan taluka Rs 50.00 lakhs (2) Improvements to Road from Shivagiri Ukkali Main to Internal Doni River Road in Vijayapur taluka Rs 10.00 lakhs (3) Improvements to Road from Makhanapur Kere Road to Ramling Math Road in Vijayapur taluka Rs 10.00 lakhs TOTAL : Rs 70.00 lakhs Rs 70.00 lakhs (KW-3)

Details in this regard are available on website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the above office during office hours

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
ಪಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/898/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿ/2022–23 **PRE Division, Vijayapura**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.8,84,971/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy One only)** as on **15-02-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **16-02-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Nisar Traders, No.1287/B, TK Road, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562160. No.2) Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khan, S/o. Hassan Mahaboob Khan, No.1287/B, TK Road, Near Al Ameen School Yadgar Mohalla, Channapatna - 562159. No.3) Mrs. Sharika Khanum, D/o. Nisar Ahmed Khan (Legal Heir of Late Mubeen Taj), No.1287/B, TK Road, Near Al Ameen School Yadgar Mohalla, Channapatna - 562159. No.4) Mr. Sarfaraz Khan, S/o. Nisar Ahmed Khan (Legal Heir of Late Mubeen Taj), No.1287/B, TK Road, Near Al Ameen School Yadgar Mohalla, Channapatna - 562159. No.5) Mrs. Saista Khannum, D/o. Nisar Ahmed Khan (Legal Heir of Late Mubeen Taj), No.1287/B, TK Road, Near Al Ameen School Yadgar Mohalla, Channapatna - 562159.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Late Mubeen Taj)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing Khatha No.2412, Door No.11/1287/8B, PID No.28-1-126-1. Measuring : East to West (58 feet) and North to South (40 feet) situated at Ward No.28, Yadgar Mohalla, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on : East by : Site No.21, West by : Road, North by : Property of Anjuman Institution, South by : Site No.1287/8.

Reserve Price : Rs.33,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Three Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
08-03-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** B.M. Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M. Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 17-02-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Zonal Office :- No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).
Jayanagar Branch : Office No. 180,Amrutha ,5Th Main,4Th Block West, Jayanagar,Bangalore-560011,(KA). A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**
KR Puram : Office No. 1218, 2nd Floor, Pooja Complex, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036,(KA). A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**
Kengeri : Site No 1107,2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Opposite to Dominos, Kengeri - 560060(Karnataka). A.O : **Manjunatha K R**, Mob : **9480074594.**

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'**, Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)
1.	**Loan Code No : 18894001206 Jayanagar Branch) Shashidhar B N** (Borrower) **Raghavendr B N** (Co Borrower)	**18-07-2022 ₹14,67,647.00**	Eastern Porttion Site No 32 Nagarur Vill Age Dasanapura Hobli Bangalore North Tal Uk , Bengaluru - 562123 , Karnataka . Bounded on **East by :** Site No.31, **West by :** Western Portion of Site No.32, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Private Property.	**₹ 21,60,000.00** (Rupees Twenty one Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)	**₹ 2,16,000.00** (Rupees Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only)
2.	**Loan Code No : 21494000176 KR Puram Branch) Vasanth Kumar** (Borrower)	**21-07-2022 ₹11,82,756.00**	Site No 42 Symphony Shelters Mahanthal Ingapura Village Jigani Hobli Anekal T Aluk , Bengaluru - 562106 , Karnataka. Bounded on **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.41 and **South by :** Site No.43.	**₹ 13,86,000 .00** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Only)	**₹ 1,38,600.00** (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Only)
3.	**Loan Code No : 22994001305 Kengeri Branch) Sumithra N** (Borrower) **H C Govindaraju** (Co Borrower)	**13-05-2022 ₹20,01,106.00**	Site No 23 Sy No 31 3 Katha No 555 31 3 Kithiganur Village Bidarahalli , Bengaluru - 560049, Karnataka. Bounded on **East by :** 30 Feet Road, **West by :** Site No.18, **North by :** Site No.24 and **South by :** Site No.22.	**₹ 12,96,000 .00** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Only)	**₹ 1,29,600.00** (Rupees One Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only)

1. **Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/ Offer** in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is **20-03-2023** within 5:00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. **Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date)** for Property is **21-03-2023** at the above mentioned branch office address at 3:00 PM. The tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer.
3. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
4. **30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s),